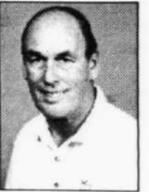




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Students clueless about census

Heather A. Brown
Staff Reporter

You have probably seen the commercials stressing the need for an accurate census count. You might have even laughed at the prospect of having class in a janitor's closet. However, this is reality for many schools in this country.

Many college students think that it is their parents' jobs to make sure that they are accounted for. But according to the United States Census Bureau, college students should be counted where they live at school, even if they are still considered a dependent to their parents.

Judging by some students' reactions, however, this fact has not been publicized effectively.

"I really don't care," said junior Kate Whybrew.

Although her roommate included the both of them in the census form sent to their off-campus apartment, Whybrew's parents included her in their form as well. She was not concerned about this, but added that she did not understand what the census was about or why it was important.

This is common among many college students. Freshman Jasmine Cloud said that she did not fill out a census because, "I don't know anything about the census. I didn't know I had to fill one out."

Christi O'Neal, a freshman who lives on campus, also did not complete a census form. "My parents do it for me," O'Neal said.

Although Mandy Smith was unaware that she was to fill out a census form, she did have concerns about an inaccurate count. "It's the same situation with vot-

ing. People will complain that their country is not run right, but when they had the opportunity to put someone in office to do it the right way, they just didn't vote," Smith said. "I think it all boils down to laziness."

She concluded that she would fill a form out if she could find out where to do so.

Students living off campus seem to have a greater awareness of the census than students on campus. They had the census forms delivered to their homes, whereas students in dorms have yet to see them.

Senior Danielle Binkley completed the census for her household and made sure that her parents in Cheatham County were not including her. She felt that her home was in Murfreesboro and that was where she should be counted. She was very concerned about a lack of funding for campus due to an inaccurate local count.

"Students here keep complaining about not having enough dorm space, parking spaces, etc.," she said. "If there was an accurate representation of how many people actually come here, then some of these problems might get fixed."

Christopher Lloyd, senior, also completed the census form, but didn't know if his parents were counting him. He also felt strongly about the lack of student response.

"The students here have a responsibility just like everyone else to fill out the census," Lloyd said. "If they won't take the time to fulfill that responsibility, then they shouldn't be counted for at all."

David Carleton, associate professor of political science, stresses the importance of an accurate census count. "An accurate count of who lives in

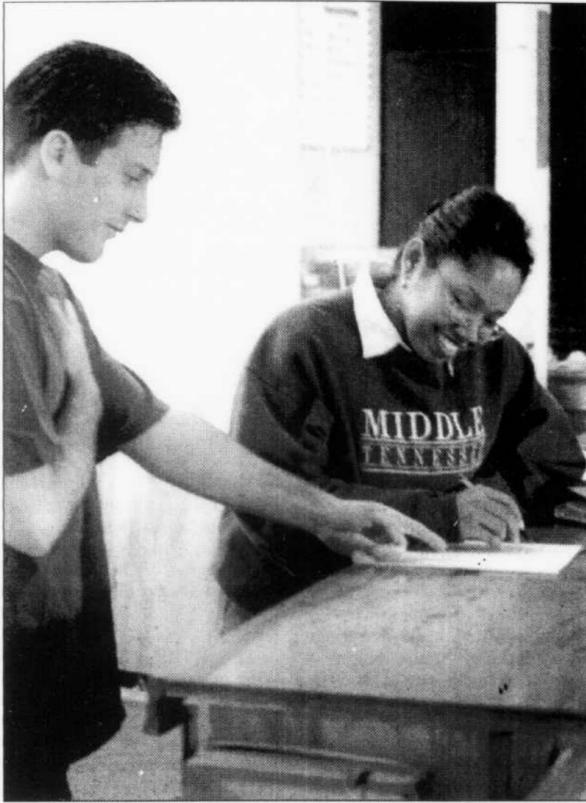


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Wood/Felder Resident Advisor Ethel Cobbett fills out a census form with the help of Resident Director Tim Munyon. The census forms will officially be handed out tomorrow.

Murfreesboro will ensure the area is properly represented in the state legislature and U.S. Congress," he said, "and that grant money from both the state and national governments properly due to the city and county — for road and traffic improvements, potential funding for a commuter rail line from Nashville to Murfreesboro, parks and recreation, and so

on — will be received."

He believes that the campus population needs to be educated about the census, and the topic needs to be discussed and publicized. The students need to be encouraged to stand up and be counted, he said.

Filling out the census will "help everyone who lives here, students and non students alike," Carleton said. ■

Professor seeks U.S. Senate seat

Campaign focuses on health care

Camille Murray
Staff Reporter

MTSU professor Jeff Clark is planning more for next year than harder course requirements, he's taking his curriculum to Washington as a candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Clark, 49, is a full-time computer information systems professor and a businessman. He is competing against John Jay Hooker of Nashville, Shannon Wood, James Looney and Mary Taylor-Shelby of Memphis.

The election will be held Nov. 7.

Senator Bill Frist currently holds the title for the sixth year. Frist was a heart surgeon in Nashville before becoming U.S. senator in 1994. He currently has a 50-percent approval rate statewide.

When asked about what motivated him to run for Senate, Clark said that too many people have too little access to the world's opportunities.

If elected, Clark plans to focus on reform, health care and 21st century jobs. Health care will be Clark's primary issue.

Clark believes that there is a health care crisis in America that is not being taken care of effectively. According to Clark, 44 million people are uninsured and one million more

become uninsured every month. He believes current U.S. Senator for Tennessee Bill Frist has done an impressive job of pushing for health care changes, but Clark feels Frist has been speaking for the wrong people.

"Bill Frist was sent to Washington to represent the patients; instead he is representing the HMOs," said Clark. Support for Clark has included a letter from 55 Democratic county chairmen encouraging him to run for the office. Fifty out of 71 Democrats on the executive committee also encouraged Clark to run for Senate. He is also the former state treasurer for the state democratic party.

Clark said that more people will watch the Super Bowl this year than the presidential election. According to Clark, the best advice he can give is to vote.

"It's not a white issue or a black issue, but a blue issue. The blue-collar working people are being left out."

Clark is a former state treasurer for the Democratic Party. He is married to Carol Clark, also a professor in computer information systems, and they have three children. ■



Clark

Tutu: Dismiss racial labels

R. Colin Fly
Staff Reporter

Naomi Tutu lectured Apr. 10 on the "Conflict Between Women of Color in South Africa" as part of the June Anderson's Women Center's third annual race and gender lecture in the BAS.

Tutu, the Race Relations Institute's program coordinator at Fisk University, told of personal experiences between herself and other women of color in South Africa.

There is a division based on stereotypes in South Africa. Indigenous people are pitted against colored people of mixed backgrounds, called colored in South Africa, in the remnants of the Apartheid people.

"For an [indigenous] African to be beautiful, she has to be colored," Tutu remarked about one of the typical stereotypes. "There is even a song sung at weddings that says that the bride is 'almost as beautiful as a colored.'"

Tutu worked on a panel discussing race and gender relations while working with the gender-based Violence and Education Program at the African Gender Institute at the University of Cape Town, South Africa.

The discussions were frightening, Tutu explained. The first hurdle that the group had to pass was that they had to be honest with each other in public and discuss the stereotypes that they held since childhood.

"Pitting the two races against each other was the epitome of divided rule," Tutu said. She further commented that both sides could only advance after dismissing negative stereotypes.

"Coloreds were thought to be lazy and drink a lot," she said.



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Naomi Tutu discusses her experiences in South Africa at the BAS.

But once they dispelled these stereotypes, a level of understanding ensued.

Tutu continued by saying that it was very empowering to build a level of understanding between the races, but cautioned the quest for the women of South Africa is far from over.

She commented that many more forums of African and colored women need to be formed for there to be sweeping change in South Africa.

Tutu believes that the United States can learn from the panel of South Africans that Tutu was on to help improve this country's own race relations.

Tutu is the daughter of Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the first black Anglican Dean of Johannesburg, South Africa.

She was selected as an International Fellow at the Brandeis University Coexistence Institute for her role as a team leader on the "Gender, Race, and Subjectivity" research project.

Tutu has previously taught at Brevard College, North Carolina and at the University of Connecticut. She received her master's degree from the University of Kentucky and is participating in doctorate work at the London School of Economics. ■

Smart and Smarter



Photo by James Evans | Staff Photographer

The Alpha Theta chapter of Chi Alpha Epsilon inducted 35 members — the largest number ever in the country — from MTSU Tuesday.

Chi Alpha Epsilon is a national honor society for students who started college in an academic assistance program and have maintained a 3.0 GPA for at least two semesters. These 35 inductees are the largest group ever to be inducted on a national scale, according to the society's founder Elbert Saddler, professor at West Chester University in Pennsylvania.

"I feel that this organization recognizes the academic achievements of developmental studies students," said Carla Hatfield, the MTSU advisor for the organiza-

tion. The following are the inductees:

April Alvey, Bridget Baker, Mary Barnard, Angelica Bennet, Shannon Benson, Susan Bunkowske, Sarah Chapple, Chris Childs, Elizabeth Clear, Tracy Clemons, Constance Devault, Faran Douglas, Jason Eddy, Karie Fields, Sarah Frank, Charlie Hall, Yolanda Henderson, Jennifer Henegar, Amanda Jacobs, Caren Mitchell, Stacy Morrow, Farrah Mutch, Danny Novielli, Jamie Nowlin, Tony Patterson, Angela Pope, Pamela Sheldon, Lori Smith, Brian Smotherman, Julie Stephenson, Kathryn Straub, Allison Vogel, Yuhavady Vondsavath, Stephanie Walden and Becca Welch.

Linda Feagans, a former Developmental Studies student, was recently named Student of the Year by the Tennessee Association for Developmental Education at their annual conference in Johnson City, Tenn. in November.

In addition to the award, Linda will also be included in the 2000 edition of "Who's Who in America Universities and Colleges." She is currently serving as president of the Chi Alpha Epsilon honor society. At the ceremony on Tuesday, she received a diamond pin in recognition of achieving a 4.0 GPA for one semester.

-James Evans
Managing Editor

On Campus

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements with later dates may be held.

April 1-30

The Can Do Crew will be collecting used eyeglasses and lenses for the Lions Club. Donation boxes will be placed in Phillips Bookstore, Cope Administration Building, Room 217, Murphy Center Lobby and the Holmes Building. For more information, contact Karen Milstead at 898-5390.

April 3-18

Registration for Campus Recreation sand volleyball will be available for a \$10 entry fee. A captain's meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 18, and play will begin the following day.

April 9-16

Alpha Phi Alpha will be sponsoring the following events for "Alpha Week 2000":

4/9 — Brotherhood Bonding at 10:06 a.m., Brotherhood Bunch at 2:06 p.m. and Gospel Explosion at 7:06 p.m.

4/10 — Faculty Appreciation at 11:06 a.m., Ice Cream and Greek Paraphernalia Sale at 12:06 p.m., Community Service at 3:06 p.m. and Whistle While You Work Karaoke at 9:06 p.m.
4/11 — Go-To-High-School, Go-To-College at 11:06 a.m., Greek Mixer at 8:06 p.m. and Alpha Set at 10:06 p.m.

4/12 — Entrepreneurial Expo at 10:06 a.m., Temporary Tattoos at 11:06 a.m., "Get Ya Mind Right" Midday Party Cake and Roses at 12:06 p.m.,

Comedy Show at 7:06 p.m. and After Party at 10:06 p.m.

4/13 — Fitness/Animal Awareness at 11:06 a.m., Alpha Raffle at 12:06 p.m., Female Review at 7:06 p.m. and "Splash Down" at 10:06 p.m.

4/14 — Cotton Candy at 11:06 a.m., Field Day at 12:06 p.m., AlphaNic 2000 at 5:06 p.m. and "House Party II" with the Sig Eps at 10:06 p.m.

4/15 — Lunch with the Bruh's at 11:06 a.m., Basketball with Sigma Nu and Alpha Omicron Pi at 1:06 p.m. and Pajama Party at 10:06 p.m. (free with PJs.)

April 13

The Students of Objectivism present "An Introduction to Objectivism" by Andrew Bernstein in the BAS, State Farm Lecture Hall at 4 p.m. Free for students, faculty and staff, \$5 for everyone else. For more information, visit <http://www.mtsu2000.tripod.com>.

April 14

Pi Sigma Epsilon is hosting a sales and marketing career fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first, second and third floors of the BAS. Several area companies will be recruiting MTSU students for full-time careers and summer internships. For more information, call Scott Inks at 898-2436.

The Middle Tennessee Leadership Summit will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The cost is \$17 which includes a light breakfast, lunch, materials and a t-shirt. Applications are available in KUC 306 or KUC 122.

April 15

Student Athletic Trainers' Association will be hosting a charity 5K/1 mile fun run/walk, benefiting the American Lung Association at 7:30 a.m. The cost will be \$15 for early registration and \$20 on the day of the race. Registration forms can be picked up at the Murphy Center Athletic Training Room or AMG, Room 217. For more information, e-mail Katiecahorrocks@edge.net.

April 17-25

Registration for the Campus Recreation Indoor Hockey Tourney will be available for a \$10 entry fee. There will be a captain's meeting at 7:30 on the 24th, and play will begin on the following day. Contact Carolyn Braun at 898-2104 for more information.

April 18

The Japan-U.S. program hosts Patricia Pringle of Oglethorpe University. Pringle presents a lecture on "Traditional Japanese Theatre: Noh, Kabuki and Bunraku." The lecture will begin at 6:30 p.m. in KUC, Room 314. A reception and social period that will include American and Japanese snacks begins at 6 p.m. The lecture is open to

the public, and there is no admission charge. For more information, call the Japan Program at 898-2229 or e-mail at japan@mtsu.edu.

April 25

The department of chemistry is hosting a Golden Goggles Lecture titled, "Clean Fuel Through Solar Photochemistry" at 7 p.m. in DSB, Room 100. Call 898-8251 for more information.

April 27

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a free legal clinic from 7-9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty and staff. Appointments to speak with an attorney can be made by calling Candi Russell at 898-2193. Space is limited.

Ongoing

The Lambda Association welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight students to general interest meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in BAS, Room S301. Contact Tony Gowell at 867-3658 for more information.

The MTSU Peer Education Program is currently accepting new members. Credit hours are available. Applications may be picked up in KUC, Room 303, or call 898-5453 for more information.

The June Anderson Women's Center will be host-

ing a weekly support meeting, "Women: Food and Body Image," Tuesdays in the CKNB, Room 124 from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. The group is also holding meetings Thursdays titled, "Looking Forward," a support group for survivors of sexual abuse, at the same time and location. For more information, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725. All contacts are confidential.

The Student Pagan Organization holds meetings every Thursday in the second floor lounge of the KUC at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in Wicca, Paganism, Shamanism or any other alternative spirituality is welcome. For more information, contact John Bryan at 907-3328.

Raider Victory Ministry and Champions for Christ are holding weekly Bible meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. in Scarlett Commons, Room 317. Contact Delvin Pikes at 896-2348 for more information. They are also holding worship services on Sundays at 10 a.m. in AMG Alumni Gym. The service is open to students, faculty and the community. For more information, contact Delvin Pikes at 896-2348.

The MTSU Crime Stoppers Board is currently looking for people interested in joining its board of directors, especially graduate and undergraduate students. If you are a full-time

student or employee at MTSU and wish to apply for one of these openings, pick up an application at either the campus police department or KUC, Room 303.

Students for Environmental Action invite all students to weekly meetings every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 201. For more information, e-mail Lori Bruner at greenmind@home.com.

Part-time campus jobs are available in food service, catering, concessions, student patrol and dispatch. Interested students should contact the Placement and Student Employment Center in KUC, Room 328.

The Martial Arts Club of MTSU is holding weekly meetings in the Recreation Center aerobics room on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. For more information, call Billy Colepaugh at 898-2104.

The Murfreesboro Salvation Army has nearly run out of food, especially chicken and hamburger. They urge anyone who is able to donate food to bring it to the Salvation Army headquarters at 1137 West Main Street. Kathy Wheeler, business manager, said they also need salt, sugar and other condiments. For more information, call Wheeler at 895-7071.

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Advocates: Youth crimes declining but punishments now on the rise

Anjetta McQueen
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Alan Heitner says he'd like to believe that his children are safer because of zero-tolerance penalties for schoolchildren who carry weapons, start fights or make threats. But his son's two-week suspension hasn't convinced him.

"I don't think anyone who is in a position of responsibility can be mindless," said Heitner, a physician in Madeira, Ohio, whose son Dana, 18, was punished last fall for school-election signs in a restroom that joked about a bomb in the toilet. "From a safety standpoint, this is really absurd."

Heitner is not alone in his concern.

Two youth advocacy groups are issuing a report today that cautions school against reacting to high-profile shootings like the one at Columbine High School last year. Youth violence is

falling, but punishing children is on the rise, the report says.

"We've got kids getting kicked out of school for saying 'bang-bang' to each other," said Vincent Schiraldi of the Justice Policy Institute, a youth advocacy think tank that co-authored the report. "It's no more fair to stereotype them all as school shooters than to stereotype all adults as Timothy McVeigh," who bombed the federal building in Oklahoma City.

The report - released a week before the first anniversary of the April 20 Columbine High School shooting that killed 14 - says the public isn't paying attention to overall youth-violence trends. Instead, shootings in Colorado, Arkansas, Oregon and most recently Michigan - where one first-grader shot and killed another youngster in class - have driven schools to install more metal detectors, conduct more locker searches and impose more suspensions and expulsions for threats, Schiraldi said.

"Even though these are awful tragedies, we can't set public policy based on these events," Schiraldi said in an interview.

The report by the Justice Policy Institute, based in Washington and San Francisco, and the nonprofit legal aid Children's Law Center in Covington, Ky., recommends more school counseling, balanced media coverage of school shootings and tougher gun control laws. The groups gleaned data from federal and state agencies and nonprofit research centers.

The report findings include: -Seven in 10 Americans think a school shooting could happen in their communities, but a child has a 1 in 2 million chance of being killed in a U.S. school.

-Youth homicide arrests dropped 56 percent from 1993 to 1998, but two-thirds of 1,000 people polled by The Washington Post in November said they believed children were getting more violent.

-Citing Maryland as an exam-

ple, suspensions for false alarms and bomb threats went up 44 percent from the 1997-98 school year to the 1998-99 year.

Although it was not known whether the alarms and threats themselves increased, the group said the significant increase in suspensions alone reflected a crackdown on such infractions.

Most of the punishments were for what the report called "petty acts." For example, a 17-year-old junior was expelled from his suburban Chicago high school in 1998 after the paper clip he shot with a rubber band struck a cafeteria worker, drawing a small amount of blood. He was also charged with disorderly conduct.

The crackdown hit minority children especially hard, the report said. In Phoenix, black students are suspended from school at 22 times the rate of white students; in Denver, San Francisco and Austin, they are suspended at least three times as often. ■

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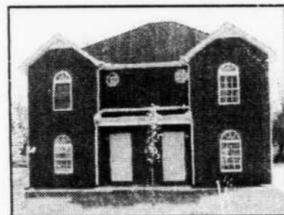
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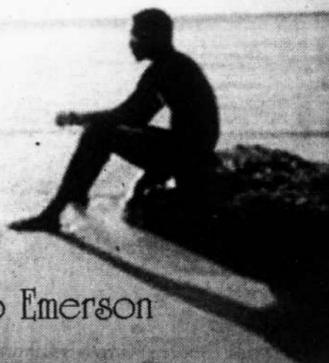


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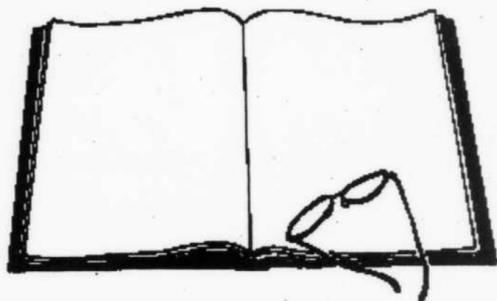
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Tennessee Supreme Court sets date for Coe execution

Michelle Williams
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Tennessee's first execution in 40 years is back on track for the fourth time.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday lifted a stay of execution for Robert Glen Coe, who a week ago was set to die by lethal injection for the 1979 murder and rape of 8-year-old Cary Ann Medlin.

The Tennessee Supreme Court has set April 19 as the new execution date - the fourth set for Coe since October.

The appeals court had delayed Coe's execution to consider motions questioning his mental competence and the state's process for determining it. A 1986 U.S. Supreme Court ruling bars the execution of insane inmates.

The court on Tuesday found that Coe is competent and the state gave him a fair competency hearing, which lasted several days and allowed his attorneys to question mental health experts.

"The Tennessee Supreme Court properly followed the narrow ... standard for competency to be executed," the judge wrote. "... It would serve no jurisprudential purpose to discuss these claims any further."

Mickey Stout, Medlin's stepfather, said the family has grown weary of two decades of legal wrangling, especially in the last

six months.

Each time Coe's death was near, Cary Ann's family prepared to leave their West Tennessee home for Nashville to witness the execution, only to learn of a last-hour stay of execution. Stout said the family hopes this is the last time.

"We'll just wait to see what goes from here," he said.

Coe's lawyers still have several appellate options. They could ask the 6th Circuit for another competency hearing before a panel or the full court. They also could appeal the 6th Circuit opinion to the U.S. Supreme Court.

They also could argue to the Tennessee Supreme Court that Coe's mental health has greatly deteriorated since he was determined mentally competent in March and request another hearing.

One of Coe's lawyers, Jim Walker, wouldn't discuss which option the legal team would choose, adding that the appeals are not meant "in any way to minimize the pain and loss of Cary Ann Medlin's friends and family."

"Her death was a tragedy, but when Tennessee is seeking to accelerate its first execution in 40 years, I do not think the execution of a severely mentally ill man, for whom there are substantial, lingering questions regarding his guilt, should be the person executed," Walker said.

Coe, who turns 44 on

Saturday, claims he is insane and executing him would violate Ford vs. Wainwright, a U.S. Supreme Court decision that found executing an insane inmate violates the 8th Amendment right against cruel and unusual punishment.

The 6th Circuit found that Coe understands his penalty and why he is receiving it, therefore competent for execution.

Coe's lawyers, however, say he becomes mentally unstable under stress, a condition that will worsen as he nears execution. They believe once in the death chamber, he will not be mentally competent for execution.

The 6th Circuit said the Ford decision did not require a state to determine a prisoner's competence at the time of execution, only when execution is imminent.

The Tennessee Supreme Court found Coe competent in March, three weeks before his scheduled execution, which the 6th Circuit said was a fair amount of time. A lower court found him competent in February.

State Supreme Court Justice A. A. Birch wrote the only dissenting opinion and suggested another hearing on Coe's competence.

He said the state should not execute anyone who is mentally unable to assist their counsel in a defense; does not have a jury hearing to determine competence; or who the state can prove

is competent for execution. Currently, the defense must prove incompetence, but the state does not have to prove competence.

Although the federal courts have upheld the state's methods of determining competence, "I remain of the opinion that these deficiencies violate the Tennessee Constitution," Birch wrote.

When arrested in 1979, Coe told police he spotted Cary Ann and her brother riding their bicycles in a church parking lot in Greenfield, a small town in Weakley County in West Tennessee.

He lured the girl into his car and raped her. After she told him, "Jesus loves you," he said he decided to kill her. He first tried to strangle her, then stabbed her in the neck with a pocket knife.

The 6th Circuit last week also stayed the execution of Philip Workman, 46, who is condemned for killing Memphis police Lt. Ronald Oliver after a 1981 restaurant robbery.

The full court will hear his appeal, likely in June. Workman claims he did not fire the bullet that killed Oliver and that Oliver was accidentally shot by a fellow officer.

Tennessee has not put anyone to death since 1960. The U.S. Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment in 1976.

Web site assess youths' potential for violence

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Police hope a new interactive Web site will help teachers and parents assess a youth's potential for violence, and possibly even provide ways to prevent such behavior.

"The Assault Potential Assessment is part of this police department's commitment to do whatever we can to ensure the safety of our community's children," Metro Police Chief Emmett Turner said in a statement Tuesday.

"While certainly not fool-proof, the assessment has great potential for aiding parents, teachers and even kids in intervening in the lives of troubled students."

The site was designed by Metro Police Capt. Ken Pence with the help of a \$218,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Policing Services.

Davidson County Juvenile Court and the Oasis Center, a nonprofit agency that counsels teens and their families, worked with the department on designing the assessment.

The site contains a series of questions in 14 areas, including academics, family life, substance abuse and behavior problems.

Questions are weighted, with gang membership, acts of extreme rage, drug use and prior arrests, for example, getting greater weight than other factors.

After the assessment is filled out, the site provides a score and analysis indicating how likely it would be for the student to assault classmates

or teachers, Metro police spokesman Don Aaron said. The higher the score, the greater the risk a student may pose, according to the test.

The user also receives suggestions on how to help prevent the student from becoming violent. Suggestions may include getting the student into remedial reading classes or into a Metro Police Department program for children who have witnessed crimes.

"A timely response can really change the path of a young person," said Dr. Judy Freudenthal, clinical director of the Oasis Center.

Pence said similar questionnaires are available in California, but they don't link the user to Web sites of agencies that can assist youths.

"It sounds wonderful," said Metro Schools Director Bill Wise. "We need to do everything we can to ... identify potential violent behavior so that we can prevent these things instead of reacting to them."

Nashville psychologist Ken Lass, who has tested and counseled children and adolescents, said care should be taken in relying on the assessment.

"If they just created this (assessment) based on anecdotal evidence, then it's just a nice adjunct" to be used with other information that might be gathered on the student, Lass said. "But I'd hate to see that as definitive."

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Committee OKs compromise transplant overhaul

Jennifer Loven
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration has reached agreement with key senators over legislation overhauling the nation's organ transplant system, suggesting that a bitter, two-year fight over transplant policy may be nearing an end.

The compromise bill was approved unanimously today by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee.

"The American people deserve a highly charged field where we have not done as well as we might have in the past," said Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a former heart and lung transplant surgeon who brokered the deal.

The legislation does not address the substance of the argument over how to distribute scarce organs to thousands of

waiting transplant patients. Rather, it sets up a mediation system to settle disputes between the Department of Health and Human Services and the private contractor that runs the system.

Under the agreement reached Tuesday night, an outside panel of experts would have the power to make final decisions on policy, based on guidelines set in law. Those guidelines would say that policy must seek to reduce disparities that result from geography.

The 21-member panel would be made up of people chosen by the HHS secretary, by the transplant network and by the Institute of Medicine. The secretary would pick seven people from the network and by the institute and appoint seven people to represent her views.

HHS complains that the current system, which relies heavily

on geography, is unfair because patients in certain parts of the country have a better chance at getting a transplant than those elsewhere.

The agreement came after a meeting Tuesday between Frist, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and HHS Secretary Donna Shalala.

With both Frist and Kennedy on board, the legislation is likely to face little trouble in the Senate. But it still might face opposition in the House, which passed a much different bill last week.

Under the current system, patients who live in the same area as donors get the first crack at organs, even if a sicker patient lives just outside the area.

The Clinton administration has said that organs should go to the sickest patients first, even if they live outside the borders established under the current system. HHS also wants to

increase its authority over the private company, United Network for Organ Sharing, that holds the government contract to run the distribution system.

But the network and many transplant centers - particularly smaller hospitals - fear that eliminating geographic barriers would siphon away locally donated organs to other centers and jeopardize their programs.

Also at stake is which side should have the power to write rules governing the distribution of organs. Rather than a partisan issue, it generally pits lawmakers from major recipient states that have large transplant centers against those from high-donor states where patients now get transplants fairly quickly.

The Frist legislation allows the transplant network to write allocation policy. But if HHS and the private contractor cannot agree, an expert committee would make the final policy

decisions, based on a set of guidelines.

Under the new plan, HHS will have the power to push that mediation process forward if the network refuses to propose new policies, Camp said. Also, the committee, which was to include 15 members, will now have 21 members in an effort to get broader expertise, she said.

Those members will be appointed by the HHS secretary, based on recommendations. HHS, the transplant network and the Institute of Medicine will each nominate 12 members, and the secretary will choose seven from each list.

On Tuesday, a bipartisan group of senators hinted that

they would block any legislation that allows organs to continue to go to the closest patients rather than to the sickest. But they are likely to go along with the deal, now that HHS and Kennedy have signed off.

The House has backed the transplant network, passing legislation that would strip HHS of its authority to set policy and overturn its proposed new rules. The Clinton administration has promised a veto.

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Police investigating racist threats at U. of Iowa

TMS Campus

Dental school students and faculty at the University of Iowa are still hoping to find out who's behind several racist threats during the past week, the "Daily Iowan" reported.

The situation began March 28 when faculty received an e-mail implying that the school would be bombed if it did not get rid of its minorities. Minority dental school students received an e-mail two days later that threatened them with gun violence.

Then, on Tuesday, a third-year dental student who is a black male found spaghetti with red food coloring and a note that implied the spaghetti symbol-

ized "dead black man's brains" at his home Tuesday morning, the paper reported.

University police and city police are working together to monitor dental students' neigh-

borhoods in Iowa City. They told the "Daily Iowan" that despite the unusual nature of the case, they were confident they would find the person or people responsible. ■

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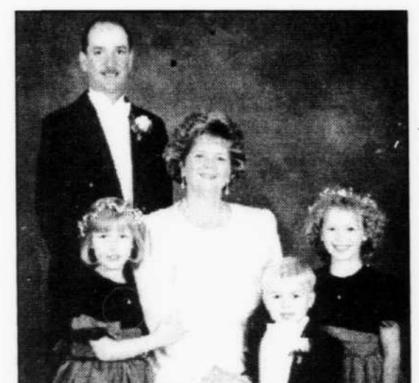
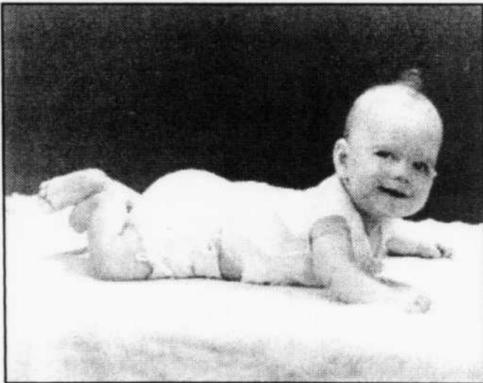
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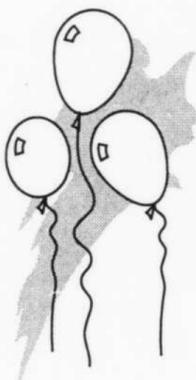
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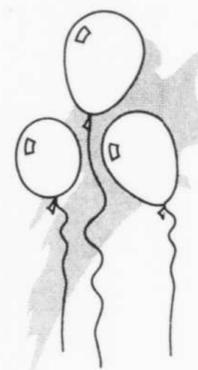


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Murfreesboro, TN

Thinking Globally

by Luke Waack, staff columnist

Crazed?

In a pass the buck society, blaming parents is best option

I think I'm crazy. I'm also pretty sure that it's because of my parents. At least I'm not the only one.

My brother Eric is crazy too. I can say that because he is family. I even tell him that myself.

But I'm always sure to emphasize that he's a good kind of crazy. My brother has a terrific sense of humor and a childish love for being silly.

One time we were driving down Harding Place at night and, just for kicks, Eric started honking the horn and yelling at the night.

We passed a cop giving someone a ticket. Eric honked at him too. The police officer literally jumped away from the road.

Being crazy is kind of like being Irish. You can be full-blooded or not at all. Being crazy runs on my mom's side.

My mother is one of the middle children in a family of seven. She grew up during the 50's on a farm in Eastern Iowa. While her older sisters were busy cleaning the house and her younger siblings were busy playing, my mother was off by the stream.

A daddy's girl, she had little trouble shirking responsibility. My mom is the one that taught me how to dream and instilled in me a love for

romance.

When I was growing up I often wanted to stay home from school. My mom knew that my reasons were unworthy, but I got out of school anyway.

I would go with her — traveling from garage sale to antique store in search of treasure in the rough.

I learned about art and history and a world that most children don't get to see. The world of nine to five.

Because I would not go to school, my mother taught me herself. She is an eccentric to say the least.

My father is another story completely.

There is not a bit of craziness in him.

My father has been working since he was old enough to polish shoes.

My dad is like a rock, silent and stolid. On my 16th birthday, my Dad and I spent the entire day together. That was something very special. Dad took off work — for me.

Our parents are the first ones to influence our attitudes and personalities.

They set us on a road to the people we will become. In my case, the union of craziness and a Puritanical work ethic has formed a certain style.

Half-crazy. ■

From the Editor

Get off your butts

Census forms will be delivered to campus residents tomorrow. It's a simple procedure to deliver a simple form, but the benefits are invaluable.

One would think that such an easy task wouldn't require all the publicity it has received and that the purpose of the census would sell itself.

But that's not the case, according to what our staff writer found in her story (see page one).

Apparently the apathy on this campus knows no bounds. I'm starting to think that if there was a threat of a nuclear holocaust in

Murfreesboro, students here would turn on the television and say, "who cares?"

The census happens once every ten years. We've been bombarded with this message since the campaign began.

Still, we don't care. We've been told that the outcome of this survey can potentially change the amount of funding this county and the rest of Middle Tennessee gets from "Big Brother." But most important for us — as members of the MTSU community — the outcome of the census can give this university the means to improve its many flaws.

You know like those things we always bitch about such as parking, better classrooms, more adequate professors and a safer campus.

So in closing, for once students of MTSU, get off your asses, pull out a pen and complete your census form. It takes five minutes but lasts 10 years.

Maybe that's how long it'll take for the masses to mature enough to start applying themselves to make a difference in people's lives outside their own.

James Evans
Managing Editor

Letter to the Editor

MTTV should pull plug on irresponsible programming

I would like to make a complaint regarding a show that aired on the MTSU channel.

It was a segment that challenged students to remove a tire boot from a car. They even offered students money if they removed the boot.

The car had been booted by MTSU parking because they parked at a disabled ramp. It needed to be booted. There are plenty of places on campus where a person can park instead of blocking a disabled ramp.

If I were the person who parked there, I would be ashamed of myself and not gloating about it on the MTSU channel.

Is this person more deserving than a person with a disability? Is this driver's convenience more important than open access for a person who needs to use the ramp?

MTSU is very sensitive to the needs of people with disabilities, and this piece totally went against the grain of the university.

Was this newsworthy? It was nothing more than an editorial comment. I don't think the majority of the MTSU students believe that disabled people don't deserve access to a college education.

In each and every one of my classes in the business department at MTSU, we are taught the importance of ethics. Obviously, this is highly unethical, not to mention illegal.

This show was promoting criminal behavior. It is vandalism of state property. I was advised that this incident was reported to Parking Services and the people that oversee that department.

I would like to know if the authorities are addressing this problem, or is it just being swept under the carpet?

A car can be severely damaged by removing a boot without the proper tools. Who then would be responsible for the damage to the car and the boot?

Would it not be the university television station which is funded by the university, which is funded, at least in part, by my tuition dollars? I would much rather see my money spent on something productive or something that will improve the quality of education at the university. I do not want my tuition dollars being spent on the misguided antics of the MTSU television station.

I find it disturbing that drivers at such a

prominent educational institution cannot follow simple rules.

It is elementary: Buy a parking permit and park where you are supposed to, and you won't get a ticket.

Don't get excessive tickets, park in a fire lane or block a disabled ramp or space, and your vehicle won't be booted or towed. At any other university, you have to walk farther and pay double or triple the cost.

Is this news or whining?

Professional media would never do something like this, nor would they resort to over-used and offensive Nazi imagery as this television station did in referring to the MTSU ticket writers. This is incredibly insensitive to MTSU Jewish students, faculty and staff.

This is also offensive to the community as a whole. Would this be shrugged off if the station were using racial epithets? For some people, it is equally offensive.

This is appalling. How dare they? It is obvious that this was the work of amateurs.

Judith McIntosh
Senior, College of Business

Correction

Did you know the word "gullible" isn't in the dictionary?

The article "Freedom of speech restricted at Brown University," which ran in the Apr. 10 issue, was based on a belated April Fools joke pulled by the staff of the "Brown Daily Herald." Negative and inflammatory speech is just as welcome on the campus as it always has.

Furthermore, all references to this article in the "From the editor" piece of that issue are pretty much pointless.

"Sidelines," and especially the editor, apologizes for being duped.

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Technological advances don't make memories

Cindy Greenburg
Tulane University

Last Sunday started out as an average sleepy weekend day, more plain than vanilla ice cream without sprinkles.

I took on an activity that was none too taxing — I went grocery shopping with a friend of mine.

After picking up a few items, we ambled over to the check-out area. It was then that I realized that the world will soon be coming to an end.

One of several Sav-a-Centers in the New Orleans area has introduced a technological experiment: a do-it-yourself check-out counter. The do-it-yourself check-out counter is a humongous, scary booth that is supposed to exemplify efficiency and technological potential.

The customer is supposed to scan his or her items and swipe his or her credit card; no human assistance is required.

In a brave move to familiarize ourselves with this new wave of technology, we decided to test this machine.

My friend was able to scan only one item before the machine emitted a loud noise and over-zealously requested his debit card personal identification number.

My friend, at this point visibly shaken by the machine's response, turned to me and remarked, "Technology scares me sometimes." I promptly agreed, and we abandoned the futuristic ogre in favor of one of the old-fashioned, human-operated check-out stations.

Sadly, the supermarket check-out monster is only one symptom of the direction in which technology has turned and will proceed to trek — ruthlessly forward.

Technological developments are not all detrimental, however.

For example, New York City's introduction of the "E-Z Pass," a device that automatically pays the \$3.50 toll for entrance to the Queens-Midtown Tunnel, has drastically improved traffic conditions at the origin of the Long Island Expressway.

Car companies have produced devices, such as air bags, power breaks and crash zones,

all of which make driving considerably more comfortable and safe.

In addition, many Internet sites, such as E-Bay, Priceline.com and Learn2.com have helped millions of people to save money and learn many valuable skills.

But even the most phenomenal ideas can be taken too far. When the Atari video game system was introduced in the late 1970s, kids all over had gained a new favorite past time.

People my age, who were once satisfied with Atari and even 1985's original Nintendo Entertainment System are now being mocked by elementary school children who can beat us in video games that are characterized by glitzy, over-produced graphics that boast complex story lines.

Such games are addictive, and at the same time, don't allow for much development of one's imagination. The Internet, a must-have for any modern American household, has given students access to a variety of ways to cut corners with their studies.

Homework and research projects, which were originally designed to give students a greater understanding of academic subjects, time management and personal discipline, can be completed within minutes at best, or seconds (provided that the students have a few bucks with which to order ready-made research papers) at worst.

The Internet also boasts sites that contain bomb recipes, graphic pornography and worse. To your average 10 year old techno-tyke, the excitement of the World Wide Web makes heroine look like sugar.

Perhaps humans should take a step back from the booming and buzzing culture of "ruthlessly forward" and think about what it is they really want for the future.

What are some of your favorite memories? Doubtless they probably weren't the hours you spent with your eyes glued to the computer, television or video game system.

Chances are, they involve time spent with your friends or doing activities you truly

enjoy. Where do you like to go shopping and why?

It probably isn't the automatic, do-it-yourself check out counter that keeps you coming back to your favorite stores.

Yes, new technology is a positive boon that has its benefits such as saving time and money. But even as someone who has never taken a physics class and has no concept of physical principles, I can say that I have witnessed the fact that every action has an equal and opposite reaction.

Pollution, juvenile violence, widespread moral conflicts and countless other negative consequences show that the world is beginning to feel the undertow of this tidal wave of the new-fangled.

By now, the woman working behind the check out counter at the Sav-a-Center has finished checking out and bagging our grocery items.

She smiles at my friend and me and says in a non-computerized, non-programmed voice, "Have a nice day."

We smile back and respond, "Thanks, you too." ■

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Dr. Laura's biased advice harmful to gay community

Cindy Greenburg
Tulane University

Your boy or girlfriend seems distant and you want to know if he or she has been cheating on you.

Or perhaps you drink more in one night than all of your campus' fraternity brothers do in an entire semester.

Maybe you like someone, but you're too shy to approach him or her.

There are people out there to help you. Lately, the phone-in advice radio show format has been booming. Taking into account America's obsession with sex, drugs, debauchery and therapy, it isn't hard to figure out why so many people have fallen in love with radio programs dishing out advice.

But some of these shows can be detrimental to everyone's mental health.

Dr. Laura Schlessinger, host of a popular call-in advice show, who is armed with a Ph.D. in physiology, not psychology, is so popular that she competes with Rush Limbaugh for airtime and ratings.

Dr. Laura is a proponent of tough love, conservative politics, extremist religion and family values.

She's also a gay basher.

Dr. Laura claims that homosexuality is a biological error that prevents people from having healthy, intimate relationships with members of the opposite sex.

She supports her claims with the old adage, "God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve."

Dr. Laura regularly discusses a few additional standpoints and concerns, one of which is AIDS funding.

She has said that she won't donate any money to AIDS causes as long as sex is allowed in public bathhouses. (There are few, if any, known public bathhouses remaining in the United States.)

Dr. Laura is opposed to equal rights for gays because she doesn't believe in rights for whom she calls "sexual deviants."

She supports her opinion by sliding down the slippery slope of how equal rights for sexual deviants will lead to equal rights for "other" sexual deviants who engage in pedophilia, bestiality, sadomasochism and cross-dressing.

Dr. Laura is so obsessed with her anti-gay crusade that she has encouraged her listeners from around America to bombard Vermont with protest letters stating how the decision to give gay couples domestic partnership rights encourages sexual deviance.

Most of Dr. Laura Schlessinger's "concerns" are founded in the name of God. She recently became a member of the Orthodox Jewish community, but she, to use one of her least favorite pieces of imagery, sodomizes her religion by using it as a framework through which she can espouse her intolerant, bigoted opinions.

Dr. Laura, with her no-holds-barred, "telling it like it is" attitude, is not serving her (self-appointed) position as a role model with much skill or sensitivity.

Sure, Dr. Laura doesn't deny that homosexuals are (insert a charitable list of positive adjectives here). In addition, she claims that she isn't homophobic because she has many gay friends.

However, the gay community isn't going to remember Dr. Laura's polite 'asides.' They're going to remember the insults and despicable homophobia that she transmits through the radio airwaves.

They're going to remember those radio segments during which she calls gays "biological errors," "sexual deviants" and "unhealthy."

The gay community will remember how Dr. Laura's words are helping to perpetuate their difficulty getting jobs.

The gay community will remember Dr. Laura when hate crime legislation fails, or

the next time a gay person is tied to a fence and pistol-whipped to death.

Teenagers who are coming out as homosexuals and even kids who are "different" are going to remember hearing homophobic taunts like "shut up, dyke," "beat up the faggot" and "smear the queer."

Dr. Laura's radio advice will only help to continue the cycle of discomfort that some kids feel in their school environment.

As a person who gives advice to a nation, Dr. Laura must realize her tremendous responsibility, and be sensitive to the statistical fact that in this country, completed suicide occurs most frequently among young, gay males.

Dr. Laura's opinions could be fatal. Perhaps Dr. Laura should realize that the gay community and she are on the exact same page.

Homosexuals long to be allowed to experience the family values that she idealizes. The gay community, for the most part, has the most right-wing, conservative, family values-oriented agenda of any interest group in the country.

An overwhelming majority of gay people seem to want to settle down, get married, adopt children and work in mainstream, professional jobs in order to earn enough money to care for their families.

It's certainly not the members of the gay community who are having most, if any, of the unplanned, unwanted kids for whom society can't afford to care (This cycle of abuse and neglect is probably the very reason that many American families today, are, for lack of a better term, so screwed up).

Radio talk shows, when used judiciously, can be entertaining, and will certainly provide insight on many pressing issues.

However, someone should tell "Dr." Laura Schlessinger that the purpose of a radio show, or any media, is to tell the audience what to think about, not what to think. ■



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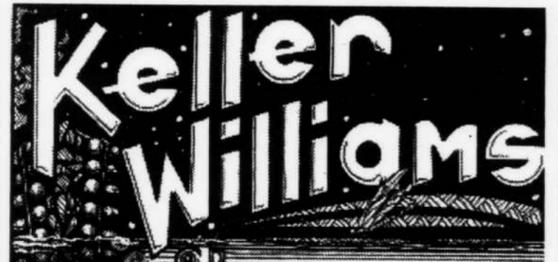
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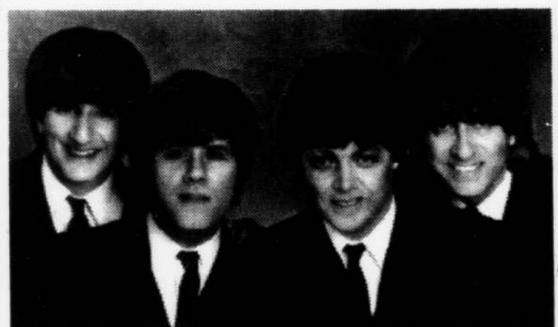
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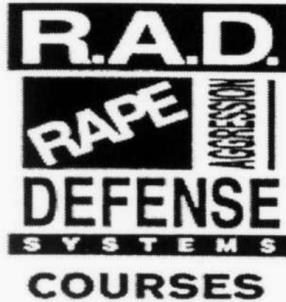
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Idealism and Practicality

Students use printing press to learn skills of business world

Randy Allen
Staff Reporter

In a 30-year-old temporary structure, a group of students gather around a piece of 60-year-old equipment and develop the skills that will someday make them indispensable members of the modern business world.

Under the direction of Janet Higgins, professor of art, The Tulip Poplar Press, located in the Art Barn, continues to fulfill the dreams of its creator.

By providing "hands on" experience and an opportunity for students to work as a team on collaborative projects with other departments, the press uses 1940s technology to provide an atmosphere conducive to creativity.

"The press is high touch instead of high tech," said Giselle Rouche-Klika as she tried to explain the advantages that the press offers. Rouche-Klika is a senior who enjoys making a product that can be felt as well as seen.

The Tulip Poplar Press uses a Vandercook Proof Press that has many of the qualities incorporated by Gutenberg in the 15th century. Viewed by some as the greatest invention of the millennium, Gutenberg's press was the first to incorporate movable type. His innovation made the transfer of ideas less costly and made printed materials available to the common man.

By using hand-set hot metal type, linoleum cut illustrations and hand-made paper, students are creating art that has many elements lost by the use of computers and modern printing presses.

"A more contemporary press does not allow the control that this press offers," said Kristi Baughman, a senior who intends to self-publish when she graduates.

Although operating the press takes more time, the students feel they are gaining more than they are giving up.

"A two-color run takes two days because of a senior timing," said Jennifer Lynch, a senior majoring in sculpture.

The type and illustrations are all inked by hand and must sometimes be

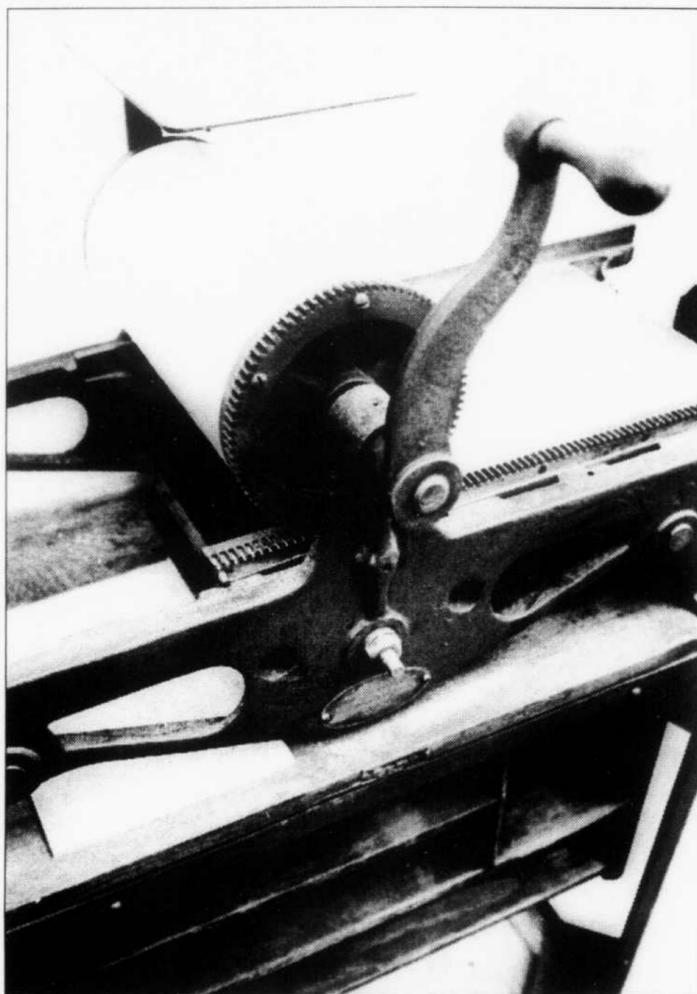


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The Tulip Poplar Press, located in the Art Barn, will be involved in a RIM project to create 500 CD booklet covers and an English honors class that will write an historic novel.

re-inked between each printing.

Because this process incorporates the hand of the maker in the steps to the final product, each completed piece becomes a separate piece of art.

"We can sign and number each finished product," said Jana Barrett, a

senior art education major.

Students have drawn on the Middle Tennessee environment for their inspiration this semester.

McCauley Hart, a senior majoring in

See Press, 3B

Cheating becoming academic plague

Mark Grose
Contributer

Every day across America, millions of students from middle school to medical school face the decision to cheat. Research indicates that most make the wrong decision.

Academic fraud has never been easier. Students can tamper electronically with grade records, transmit quiz answers via pager or cell phone and lift term papers from hundreds of Web sites.

According to the Center for Academic Integrity at Duke University, three-fourths of college students confess to cheating at least once. And a new "U.S. News" poll found 90 percent of college students believe cheaters never pay the price for their actions.

Most distressing to teachers is the way plagiarism, copying and similar deceptions devalue learning.

But for many students getting a diploma, scholarship or grant, that goal is more important than acquiring knowledge.

Others believe that in this day and age, an extensive amount of pressure is put on students to succeed, and cheating is justified because there are not enough hours in the day to complete all the work assigned.

Are parents and other adults teaching students that cheating is worth the risk? The "U.S. News" poll found that 1 in 4 adults believe he or she has to lie and cheat to get ahead, and this mentality is communicated to children.

To combat this problem, educators are implementing such countermeasures as character education programs,

honor codes and strict academic integrity policies. In recent years, the Educational Testing Service, which administers around 11 million standardized tests a year and questions less than one percent of scores, has boosted prevention efforts aimed to stop impersonators, thieves and copycats either before or during the act.

Even the simplest precautions, from offering multiple versions of the same test to a free hotline for reporting shady activity, can make a difference.

Another tactic used by many schools around the country is implementing honor codes.

"A code may provide some peer pressure for students to do their own work," said Jill Austin, a chairperson of the management and marketing department at MTSU.

But the honor code seems only to effect those people who care about honesty, and it does not provide a strict punishment.

The vast majority of colleges and universities give zeros for an assignment or course in which a student has been found cheating.

However, there is a small exception of schools such as the University of Virginia, which have backed up their honor code with strict punishment, enforcing a "one strike and you're out" policy.

It's clear that when students really care about learning, they're much less likely to cheat. It comes down to a moral issue, Austin said.

"If students do not have a basic understanding of right and wrong, or if they do not understand or care about honesty and respect for others, they will cheat," Austin said. ■

Biology professor defends his teaching of creationism

BEND, Ore. (TMS) — A biology professor accused of teaching creationism in his classes at Central Oregon Community College isn't likely to get a chance to do so next year because school administrators have recommended against renewing his contract.

Kevin Haley, an assistant professor of general biology, has taught the course for four years. School officials say they started receiving complaints about his teaching methods two years ago.

His critics fault him for bringing up creationism anytime evolution is discussed — and for going out of his way to debunk evolutionist theory.

School officials say that when confronted, Haley refused to deal with the issue to their satisfaction.

Haley denies all the charges and says the real problem is that a few college administrators are uncomfortable with his devout Christian faith.

"I'm a creationist, and I'm also a scientist, and I have no trouble teaching evolution," he told The Chronicle of Higher Education.

"As far as teaching creation in the classroom, not on a bet. If I really taught creation in the classroom, there would

be a lot more than six students complaining out of the 500 I taught."

Five students have filed formal complaints about Haley's teaching, and others have objected informally to other faculty members, school officials said.

In November, Louis B. Queary, vice president for instruction at the college, sent Haley a letter listing various complaints.

Among them was that several students felt those who attended a Christian group Haley led received favorable treatment in class, that Haley kept an open Bible on his desk, and that he bounced "freely between religious and scientific topics in his office and in the hallways."

Haley said he's not about to admit guilt for something he hasn't done. He claims college administrators have failed to make their case — even though he has provided them with his lecture notes and homework assignments.

Queary said Haley isn't being fired. "This is a (matter) where someone is in the probationary period and the institution decided the fit doesn't look good, and so we're not going to make the person a rehire offer," Queary said. ■

Group wants U. of Michigan to drop gay identity course

ANN ARBOR (TMS) — A conservative group is pushing officials at the University of Michigan to drop a course on male homosexuality that it says is recruiting and teaching teenagers to be gay.

The course, titled "How to be Gay: Male Homosexuality and Initiation," is scheduled to be offered for the first time in the fall. Descriptions of the course, which will fall under the English department, state it "will examine the general topic of the role that initiation plays in the formation of gay identity" by analyzing the writings, musical and artistic works of gay men.

Gary Glenn, president of the Michigan affiliate of the American Family Association, sent an e-mail last week to UM's president and board of regents, state legislators and Gov. John Engler, calling for the course's cancellation. The

association's Web site states that it strives to "expose the misrepresentation of the radical homosexual agenda and stop its spread through our culture."

"UM actually wants to force Michigan taxpayers to pay for a class to openly recruit and teach teenagers how to engage in a lifestyle of high-risk behavior that is not only illegal but many believe immoral, behavior that further increases the burden on taxpayers to pay its public health consequences," Glenn's letter states.

University officials said they have no intentions of canceling the class. In a statement, Nancy E. Cantor, UM's provost and executive vice president of academic affairs said, "We are completely in support of Professor (David) Halperin's course and of his freedom to teach this course as he constructed it." ■

Blood money

Pam Hudgens
Staff Reporter

It started out as a joke.

My friends and I were lounging around one Sunday afternoon daydreaming about our upcoming trip to New York. The topic of discussion was what we were going to do about spending money.

None of us had any.

Somebody suggested that we donate our plasma for money. This was initially met with guffaws of laughter, which turned into questions of where, when, and for how much. We made some calls and set a date for our first plasma donation.

When the day arrived, only two brave souls were left — Raymond, who had gone through the donation process

before, and me, a first-timer.

Now, I have no trouble admitting that I was a little nervous. During the 45-minute drive to Nashville, I must have asked a million questions.

What I found out was very interesting, to say the least.

Unlike blood, plasma can be donated twice a week for as long as you want. The only restrictions on frequency are waiting 48 hours between donations and no more than two donations in a seven-day period.

The very first time you donate, you receive \$25, and the next time you receive \$35. After this, payment is determined by weight class.

The minimum weight to donate is 110 pounds. The "light" class is 110 - 149 pounds, who receives \$15 the first time a week and \$17 the second time.

The "medium" class is 150-174 pounds, who receives \$15 and \$25, and the "heavy" class is 175 pounds and above and receives \$16 and \$30. In addition, you receive \$10 for each referral you bring in after their second donation.

The reason you're allowed to donate so often is because once the plasma is separated from your blood, the blood cells are returned to your body.

This process, known as plasmapheresis, allows more frequent donations in larger amounts than whole blood donations.

The initial donation can take several hours. One must first go through a screening process involving extensive questionnaires, a physical and a search of the arms for track marks. Every donor must have a proficient

understanding of the dangers of spreading the HIV virus and is quizzed prior to donating.

Some of the questions include, "Have you exchanged sex for drugs or money in the past seven years?" and "Have you had sex with another man in the past year?"

Blood is tested before the donation to ensure that there will be no problems from low iron count. Temperature and blood pressure are checked and minimum levels are strictly enforced.

Then the games begin. "I'm sorry," the nurse informs me. "This needle is as big as your vein. I'm going to have to get the doctor to do it."

I'm sure the anxiety this statement instilled in me was clearly written across my face.

After the needle was inserted into my arm, I was instructed to pump my hand every time the row of green lights to my left blinked on and off. So, reluctantly, I did.

Have you ever pumped blood through your veins while a needle was protruding from your arm? It's not fun. I only stopped for 10, maybe 20, seconds. However, the machine was offended and beeped at me. This caught the attention of the nurse across the room.

"You gotta keep pumpin', honey," she warned.

I kept pumping. Then, after the green lights stopped flashing, the tourniquet loosened and the blood cells were injected back into my arm. This process was uncomfortably warm and was repeated eight more times.

The last step in this process is to keep your body from dehydrating.

To ensure this, saline is transfused through your body. Then they pop a Band-Aid on your bleeding arm, hand you a paycheck and send you out the door with the recommendation of a hearty dinner.

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Empty stomach, empty heart

One college student shares the story of her battle with anorexia

Right before my hospitalization, my 5-foot 4-inch frame had reach its lowest weight of 106. I could see my ribs in the mirror, but I still had to lose just a little more weight to reach my goal of 95 pounds.

Editor's Note: Valerie Danner is a recovering anorexic. She is a senior studying journalism at Columbia College of Chicago. By writing this piece she hopes to reach others who struggle with, or care for someone who has, an eating disorder. She can be reached at Editor@ccchronicle.com.

CHICAGO (TMS) — My friend Kim and I were riding down a suburban Chicago street, sipping the coffee we'd just purchased, when she started talking about how her heart had been skipping beats.

She was scared, and so was I. We knew that heart failure is a major complication stemming from eating disorders. But even in fear, she assumed a nurturing role.

"Promise me, Val," she said, "that God forbid something happens to me — God forbid — you get yourself better."

I think my heart skipped a beat in that moment. I wanted to cry because I had so much to say and no idea how to say it. I wanted to tell her I felt the same. I wanted to tell her that our eating disorders had been controlling us long enough. I had struggled four years, she for 11. I wanted to say there was no way we could let the demons win.

FATE HAS A FUNNY WAY

The day I met Kim, I was scared to death. It was February of 1998, and I had hit rock bottom. She was 25, and I was 19, but we bonded immediately.

I was hospitalized at the Rock Creek Center in Lemont, Ill., and was infuriated at my family and therapist for making me stay there. Yes, I had an eating disorder, but I felt I could manage it as an outpatient. But looking back, staying in the hospital for those nine days was a turning point that rekindled my fight against anorexia — and I have Kim largely to thank for that.

When she feebly walked past me the first time, sipping coffee through a stirring stick, I instantly knew she heard the same torturous voice I did. It was obvious the voice had been giving her hell longer than it had me. She wore baggy clothes hiding her frail frame, and had dark circles under her eyes that were even more pronounced than the pools beneath mine.

I was jealous of her at first. She was thin. So much thinner than me. I want-

ed to be that tiny and unnoticeable. I felt like a failure at my illness next to her. But that envious feeling didn't last long.

As I see it, fate brought Kim and me together. We discovered we lived only 15 minutes apart, and to this day we believe we landed in the same hospital at the same time for the same reason: to find each other.

Kim was robbed of innocence before she even had a chance to experience her childhood.

She opened up to me about the extent of the sexual abuse she suffered at the hands of two close relatives — abuse that lasted from the time she was seven until she was 16. Out of fear and shame, she never told anyone — and she still carries a tremendous amount of guilt because there's still a part of her that believes she caused the abuse.

Experts say sexual abuse plays a major role in the development of an eating disorder. My therapist, Brad Kahle, a psychologist at the New Life Clinic in Wheaton, Ill. estimates that 75 percent of his patients have been sexually abused.

"It is a big control issue, and with sexual abuse there is a loss of control," he said. "When skin is hit or touched inappropriately, it is violating a very primary. They are grasping at something to regain control of food they can control."

Dr. Cynthia Power, a licensed clinical counselor, also treats those suffering with eating disorders, and has a special connection to her patients because she's been where they are now. From the age of 12 to 27, she bounced back and forth between anorexia and bulimia. The experience left her unable to bare children.

Power treats patients in a practice she shares with her husband, also in Wheaton, and runs a weekly support group at Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Ill. Many of her eating-disorder patients also have a history of sexual abuse. She finds such victims are afraid of having a female body.

"When they develop into a mature woman with breasts and wide hips — it might be too sexual for them then," she said.

Kim has this problem. She has a hatred of her body — mainly her breasts. She believes they are what first

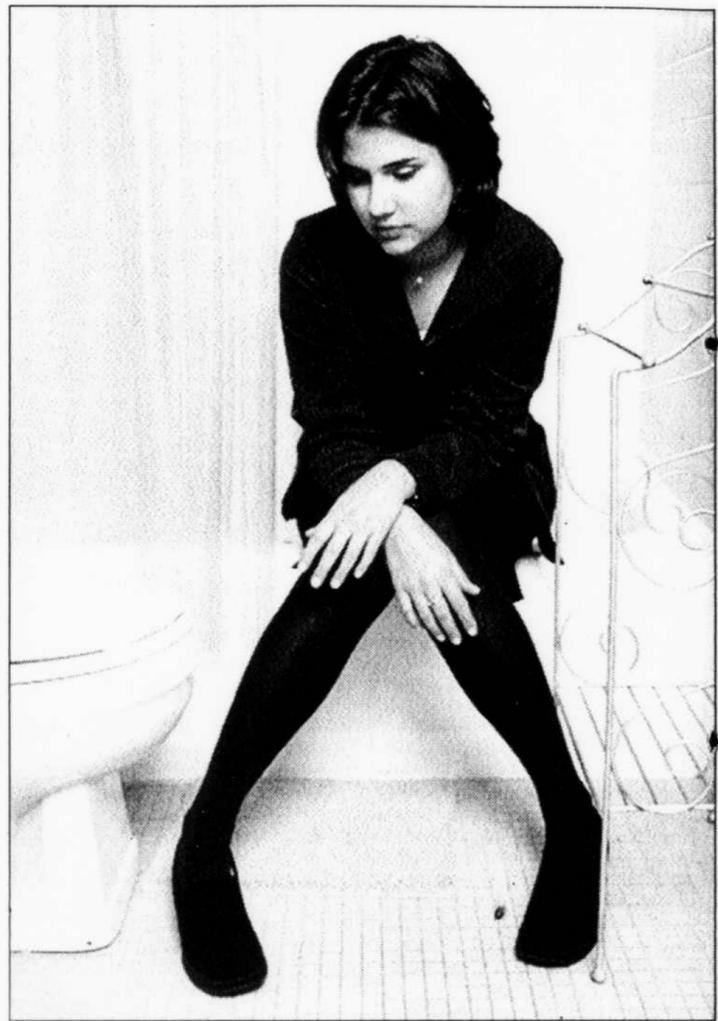


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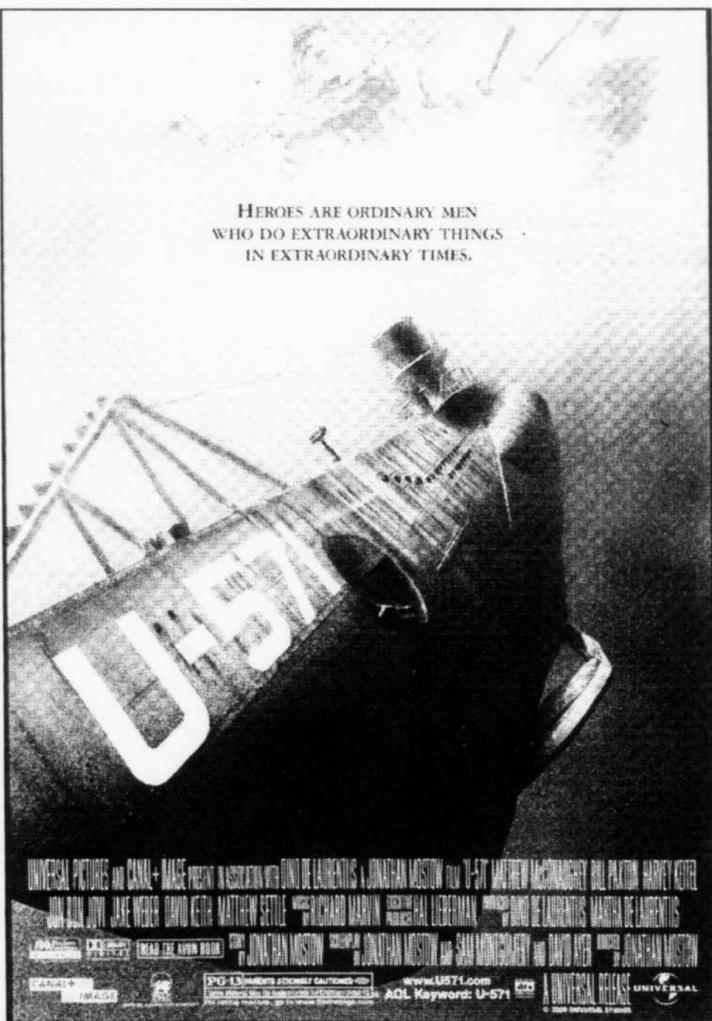
Valerie Danner, a senior at Columbia College in Chicago, is a recovering anorexic.

attracted her abusers to her, so every time her eating improves and her breasts start to develop, she tends to regress again. She even has the urge to cut off her breasts sometimes.

Sexual abuse isn't the only contributing factor to eating disorders. I should know, because I wasn't sexually abused. These disorders are multi-

caused by family, society and even chemical imbalances in the brain. In the United States, 8 million people suffer from them, 1 million of whom are men. It also is estimated that between 10-15 percent of all Americans suffer from some form of an eating disorder. In

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Valerie: 'I thought I'd be unnoticeable'

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mortality rate of any other psychological illness. Twenty percent of those afflicted will die. However, society is often clueless about the real causes of these problems — which don't always have something to do with those waif-like models gracing magazine covers.

"All little girls grow up with the media," Kahle said. "But not all become eating disordered."

A DEADLY FRIEND

Eating disorders are more like a passive suicide than a mission to be model-like. Weight and food are not the real problem. The issues are much more complex. It is about a severe self-hatred that is accompanied by a belief that you deserve the condition. I wanted to be tiny because I thought I'd be unnoticeable if I could shrink away. Eating prolonged a life that was too painful, and in a chaotic world, that was my control. It never left me.

Kahle finds that parents often play a major role in the development of eating disorders. I can relate to that. I don't completely blame my parents for my self-destruction, but I know they contributed to it.

My grandmother lived with us and, as I grew up, constantly belittled me. She favored my older sister, Becky, and did everything possible to make me feel inadequate. She would introduce Becky as the smart one and me as the "social butterfly." That was the furthest thing from the truth. Becky was definitely smart, but I was encased in shell few could crack. My never was good enough in my grandmother's eyes.

My parents never did much to stop it. I remember running up to my room in tears, but my father, in particular, sacrificed me and chose never to say anything to his mother. He took his frustrations out on the family instead. We were his verbal punching bags. He was a time-bomb ready to explode. Out of fear, my mother allowed it to go on. I would try to protect her from it, but ultimately would fail. As a result, I learned to be a peacekeeper and to hide my feelings.

The only feeling I completely understood was guilt; I felt responsible for everything. But I couldn't communicate it to anybody.

Kim and I also have loving mothers who were very critical. It was always "You'd be prettier if you did this with your hair," or "How come you don't take care of your appearance like this person?" Both of us ended up not only discontent with our looks, but with a severe hatred of our bodies as well.

So by 8 years old, I was reading food labels. At 15, my eating disorder really started to take hold. In the beginning my eating disorder was a friend. It comforted and distracted me from pain. I could focus on my body and that number on the scale. It didn't hurt as much as thinking about the ache I felt inside. But I know that isn't true anymore.

Kim especially knows how unfriendly an eating disorder is. At 14, she became anorexic and only ate an apple and an ice cream cone each day. Two

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years later she turned to bulimia and binged sometimes up to 10 hours a day, and then induced vomiting. She also excessively exercised and abused laxatives. She weighed herself 50 to 60 times a day and once stood at five feet four inches and weighed just 75 pounds.

My eating woes have never been quite so severe, but they've been horrible. On my worst days, I ate breakfast, usually skipped lunch, and threw-up my dinner. I religiously weighed myself every morning, and usually after dinner again to see what damage I had done throughout the day.

I exercised until exhaustion, sometimes running, doing 300 stomach crunches, and vomiting some more. My lunch was usually an apple, but there were also days that I went for 12 hours with only chewing gum; I wouldn't even allow myself water. At one time, I was throwing up at least 15 times a week. The dizzy spells and near blackouts didn't deter me; not even the chest pains could stop me from purging.

Right before my hospitalization, my 5-foot 4-inch frame had reached its lowest weight of 106. I could see my ribs in the mirror, by I still had to lose just a little more weight to reach my goal of 95 pounds. I didn't want to have three digits appear when I stepped on the scale anymore. I knew in the back of my mind that I could never be content at 95. From there, it would have to go lower. It's the nature of the whole disorder. There is never contentment at a certain weight.

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF RECOVERY
Recovery is a long process. The only way to get through it is to have support. Fortunately, Kim has a lot of support from her younger brother, James. Becky has been my biggest cheerleader. I know I can count on her for unconditional encouragement, and most importantly, unconditional love.

But it was Kim who eventually convinced me to stop weighing myself. "It gets into a number game Val," she said. So I don't. It's easier when you don't have to measure your day by that number on the scale.

I know not to comment on her appearance. I never tell her she's looking healthier; she would interpret it as she's getting fat. Instead, I say we're not getting fat; we are getting better. We remind ourselves that we deserve to eat; we deserve to get better; ultimately, we deserve to live.

The year after our release from the hospital was instrumental. We checked in on each other. There were times when I called and Kim immediately sensed pain in my voice. I used to feel lonely in my disorder, but Kim changed that. I fed off her support, and began to recover; I wish I could say the same for her.

Unfortunately, Kim has chosen to cut me out of her life. I look at her and know that her frail body hasn't gained a pound since I've known her. My e-mails often go unanswered; phone calls aren't returned; plans to go out for coffee are cancelled at the last minute. Kim has stopped attending her therapy sessions and has begun to retreat back into her self-destructive ways.

While in the hospital, Kim and I helped each other hide our dinner from the staff, to make it look as if we had eaten. We laughed at how easy it was to throw our graham crackers into the bushes on the way back to our rooms. At that time, it was enough, but I don't want to hurt myself like that anymore.

I still struggle with my eating. There are days when I skip meals, or occasionally make myself sick. But I still see Kahle every other week and continue to plug along. I've had a taste of how good it feels to love myself, and I want to keep the negative thoughts from influencing any direction I take.

I try to educate others, but also let those who are struggling know that I know the loneliness they feel; I know how much self-hatred they feel; I know that they don't really want to die. They just don't know how to live. I'll always have my eating disorder; it will always be a part of me. But it doesn't have such a strong grip on me anymore. ■

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Spitfire Tour brings message to masses

Turner Hutchens
Staff Reporter

The next time someone berates you for not accepting the status quo and business as usual, just remember: You have friends in high places—specifically, on stage.

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Andy Dick stops on the Spitfire Tour.

Machine frontman Zack De La Rocha and presented by colleges.com, the Spitfire Tour is a one-of-a-kind event, bringing actors, musicians and activists together under one roof to speak on global affairs and instigate social activism.

In its third incarnation after a pilot run in 1998 and a well-received stint at Woodstock '99, the tour is larger than ever, debuting this year in West Virginia, Ohio and Illinois and playing to campuses on both ends of the country.

Attractions include former Nirvana guitarist Krist Novoselic and rapper Ice-T giving their distinctive two cents on censorship; and actor and "Newsradio" alum Andy Dick discussing drug abuse and performing a small acoustic set.

The physical reach of the tour itself still has its limits, but its online counterpart, <http://www.colleges.com/spitfire>, is working crowds everywhere all the time, serving as a national forum for student debate.

The tour next surfaces on April 13 at the Bridgewater State in Boston, followed by stops at the University of Missouri, University of New Hampshire and University of Cincinnati on April 25, May 5 and May 12, respectively.

More dates will be announced, and an updated schedule is available at the Spitfire Web site. ■

Press: to work on historic novel

Continued from 1B

Studio Art and specializing in printmaking, is focusing on Lytle Creek.

"It is not uncommon for artists to combine their work with literature or poetry, which can only add to the value of the handmade work," he said.

Higgins, who established the Tulip Poplar Press in 1996, has been at MTSU for 24 years and has been able to develop the class without many of the advantages that other departments have had.

Because of limited space in the Art Barn, her class size has been severely limited.

"I have a lot of stuff in storage and no place to put it," said Higgins.

The production quality of her classes makes it hard to tell that the conditions are not perfect.

The student's love for their craft help them overcome the problems they are forced to endure.

Higgins encourages her students to apply their idealism to the practicality of the business world.

"All graphic design students participate in a required internship with companies in the area during pursuit of their degree," Higgins said.

A project involving collaboration

with the Recording Industry Management program is underway at this time.

This project will require the Tulip Poplar Press to create 500 booklet covers for a retrospective compact disc.

It is a two-year plan that will culminate with the hand sewing of the cover onto the booklet.

Higgins is looking for someone to do the sewing.

Higgins intends to work with Ronald Kates and his Honors English class on the historic novel that they intend to write during the fall 2000 semester.

"We will sit down and discuss the project in more detail this week," Kates said.

Students from both classes will be able to see their ideas put to use in a historic novel about the Jefferson Springs area.

Since its establishment, the Tulip poplar press has been responsible for the creation of "Homeland," a limited edition portfolio which commemorates Tennessee's bicentennial, and establishing a Press Apprenticeship Award.

Travis Rader, a graphic design student, was the first to receive this award. ■

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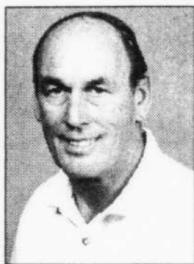
SPORTS

4B ■ SIDELINES

Thursday, April 13, 2000

Murfreesboro, TN

Coach undergoes successful heart bypass surgery



Moore

Josh Ezzell
Sports Co-Editor

Golf head coach Johnny Moore underwent successful heart bypass surgery Tuesday at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.

Moore was transported to St. Thomas Monday after it was discovered that he had 95 percent blockage in two arteries and 50 percent in a third.

According to former football head coach Boots Donnelly, Moore experienced chest pains Friday. Moore underwent tests Monday which revealed his condition.

"We're very fortunate he

came out of it," Donnelly said. "Hopefully he'll be fine."

Senior Richard Spangler said Moore experienced shortness of breath Sat., April 1 during practice.

Moore should be in the hospital for about four days.

He is in his 11th season as head coach. Under him, the Raiders have won four OVC Tournament Titles and eight other tournament championships. He has won four OVC Coach of the Year honors while coaching four OVC golfers of the year and nine All-OVC players.

Monday the golf team won the Belmont Invitational. They are coming off consecutive second-place finishes at the

University of Alabama Invitational and the Amoco Intercollegiate.

A 1961 graduate of MTSU, he played football and golf. For 28 years he's been a member of the Tennessee Golf Association Board of Directors. He's also been an instructor for the Tennessee PGA, University of Alabama golf camps and the Georgia Golf Association.

According to Spangler, Moore says he will be back in time for the Ohio Valley Conference Championships, which begin April 24.

Kyle Turnham will take over the coaching duties until Moore returns. ■

Football program taking lumps en route to progress

Josh Ezzell
Sports Co-Editor

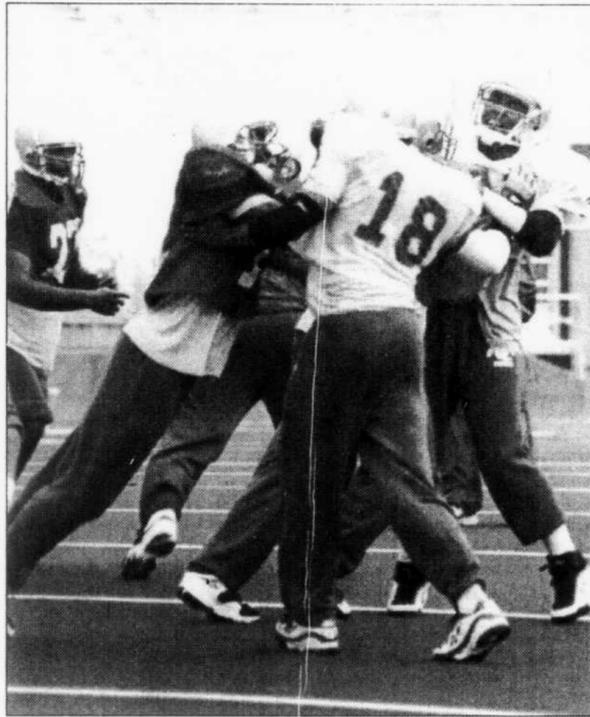


Photo by Jessica Norton | Staff Photographer

Raiders battle in the trenches during Tuesday's practice.

The annual Blue-White football game takes place Saturday. Bodies will be flyin', players will be hustlin' and coaches will be yellin'. All that stuff is normal.

Everything else, though, has changed for the football program.

First, MTSU announced its intent to become a I-A program beginning in 1999. Second, Boots Donnelly coached his last game in 1998, ending his 20-year reign at the helm of the program. Former assistant coach Andy McCollum occupied Donnelly's spot as the top dog. Finally, MTSU said goodbye to the Ohio Valley Conference. It becomes a member of the Sun Belt Conference in 2001.

"We've got some catching up to do athletically and with the numbers," McCollum said, "but I think we're going in the right direction."

Since its formation in 1912, the program has gone 457-303-28, including a 193-115 record against OVC teams. Football was halted in 1918 because of World War I and from 1943-1945 due to World War II. The Raiders have had 13 coaches, with Charles Murphy serving the longest term 1946-1948.

The list of quality players goes on and on.

Every year from 1981-1998 at least one player was an All-OVC First Team selection. Only in 1979 and 1980 did the Blue

Raiders fail to have a first-team selection.

Ten players have been drafted by NFL teams. Wide receiver Sulecio Sanford is the most recent draftee. He was taken in the seventh round of the 1999 Draft by the Chicago Bears. Mike Caldwell and Jonathan Quinn were both selected in the third round — Caldwell in 1993 by the Cleveland Browns and Quinn in 1998 by the Jacksonville Jaguars.

"Not many people think about it, but we've got a few people up there (the NFL)," quarterback Wes Counts said. "Everytime they play and every time they make a big play, it gives the team more exposure."

Of the 12 head coaches before McCollum, seven posted winning records. Johnny "Red" Floyd — whom the football stadium is named after — compiled a .782 winning percentage over five seasons. Charles Murphy compiled a .704 winning percentage, and Frank Faulkinberry had a .567 winning percentage.

While these coaches have been great, Donnelly put MTSU football on the map.

He built the program into a I-AA powerhouse, compiling a 136-81-1 record. Under his guidance, the Blue Raiders made the I-AA playoffs seven times, going 6-7. They made it as far as the semifinals in 1984, defeating Eastern Kentucky and Indiana

State before falling to Louisiana Tech. They made the quarterfinals on six occasions.

The regular seasons were also productive for Donnelly.

Under his tutelage the Raiders finished in the top ten five times — in 1985 and 1990 they finished No. one in the final I-AA poll. Eleven of his players were OVC Players of the Year, and nine were All-Americans under him — Joe Campbell and Joe McAdoo were All-Americans twice.

"It's (the football program) come a phenomenal way considering where we started," Donnelly said, "and that's not easy to do."

Exit Donnelly. Enter McCollum, and more changes.

"It was an honor for me to take over this program," McCollum said. "The things he (Donnelly) did with this program in the '80s and '90s were unbelievable. There's no better honor in the world than following a man like that."

Along with the move to I-A, the Raiders divorced the OVC and married the Sun Belt Conference.

"I-AA teams never get recognition," Donnelly said. "We'll take our lumps for a while, but we'll be extremely successful down the road."

While the Sun Belt marriage doesn't begin until 2001, the scheduling has changed because of the move. Gone are teams like Tennessee State and Eastern Kentucky. In are teams like Arkansas State and Louisiana-Lafayette. The non-conference portion of the schedule will be tough, as well.

During the '90s the Raiders played only a handful of prominent teams.

That has changed.

The Raiders play Illinois, Florida, Maryland and Mississippi State during the 2000 season. They play Vanderbilt, Arkansas, Mississippi and LSU during the 2001 season. Georgia Tech, Clemson and Georgia also loom ahead.

It's a great challenge for the kids," McCollum said. "It's a great challenge for a person that wants to be involved in it."

While things may be rough right now, Counts believes they'll get better.

"People are going to hear about us," he said. "Going to the Sun Belt and winning a championship and getting to a bowl game will put us on the map." ■

I'm taking my ball and going home

View from the Top
A sports commentary



Michael Edwards
Sports Co-Editor

After being voted unanimously off the Indiana University basketball team, Neil Reed was bitter so he struck back at Hoosier head coach Bobby Knight by accusing Knight of assaulting him at practice over two years ago.

That's the way I am taking this story concerning Bobby Knight, Neil Reed and one other former Hoosier quitter. Players like A.J. Guyton were on that team, and they came out in defense of Knight, by saying that Reed was bitter that the team decided that they did not want him on the team. How would you feel if eight other guys that you have sweat with and bled with decided that you were not fit to be on their team?

You, just as I, would be upset, but would we hold a grudge for two years? Probably not. Reed had worked hard to gain playing time, and then all of a sudden he was voted off the team. To twist the knife a little more into the back of Reed, the vote was not even close. Knight admitted that the team voted 8-0 to dismiss the disgruntled player.

Reed is a big cry baby. This sounds like a little kid that didn't get picked for the pick

up basketball game, so he takes his ball and goes whining home to mommy. Does he want coach Knight to get him some warm milk, too?

Hey Neil. Grow up! Life is full of disappointment. People are going to love you and people are going to hate you, but when they don't like you that doesn't give you the right to attempt to take a person's way of living from them. You deal with it like a man. Somehow Reed managed to get all eight of his teammates to hate him. Maybe he was a slacker, or maybe he was just plain stupid, but he did a great job of convincing all eight of them that he was not fit to be a Hoosier.

There is another problem with this story. If it is true that Knight maliciously attacked and choked Reed, why wasn't something done about it two years ago? Why wait until you've been off the team for nearly three years before you cry foul? Maybe he was afraid that Knight would hurt him more if he told. Reed should have been a man and done the thing he should have done then. Don't give people time to "forget."

A video tape came to the surface just two days ago, and it shows Knight grabbing Reed either on the chin, the mouth or the neck, but it is inconclusive. Although Knight did indeed grab Reed, it was by no means a violent act.

The fact is that Neil Reed is just a pissed-off rattle snake, and he picked a perfect time to strike Coach Knight, just before a first round NCAA tournament game. It was a game that Indiana lost badly to the former Vanderbilt coach Jan Van Breda Koff, but that's another topic. The Hoosiers were picked by many people to make a run in the tournament for the first time in a long while. Reed picked a perfect opportunity to hit Knight where it hurts the most. Yes,

he hit him right between the two things that Coach Knight loves the most. The Big Ten tournament and the Big Dance.

I don't know coach Knight, and I have never met the man, but I do know this. I never hear about Indiana basketball players murdering, stealing, or cheating. Coach Knight runs a squeaky clean basketball program, and maybe that's why he has not had the success that other schools have had. I haven't heard of any player getting caught in even academic fraud allegations. They go to class, do their work, play hard on the court, work hard off and end up doing well in society.

Take Isaiah Thomas. He was a knight's kid when he entered the arena. When he left he won two NBA titles, and now owns his own basketball league. It seems to me, that Knight has a philosophy of his way or the highway. If you don't believe that just ask Larry Bird.

According to an IU media relations official, Knight gets a bad reputation because he is an easy media target. He speaks his mind, even if it makes him look foolish. One thing, however, you will never find is a player that played at Indiana four years, bad mouth the General.

Knight told about what Thomas said to him just after the allegations surfaced. Thomas told him to never change. That if he had changed, when Thomas was in school he wouldn't be the same person. Knight said in a press conference, "I don't think I will."

Congratulations, coach Knight for standing tall and strong even when people think you are wrong, and you face tremendous adversity.

And finally, will someone tell Neil Reed that his favorite flavor of Gerber is on sale at a grocery store near him. ■

Softball announces signing

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee Softball program has announced the signing of Kristina Hieb to a national letters of intent for the 2001 season. Hieb is a senior second baseman at Tokay High School in Lodi, CA. She is also playing second base for the California Grapettes Gold club team. Hieb is a four-year starter at Tokay High School with a

.450 career batting average. She is hitting .508 for the 2000 season and is 10-for-10 in stolen bases. She also has three home runs, ten for her career.

"Kristina is a tremendous hitter with game instincts that you just can't teach," said Tokay head coach Rick Vollstedt. "She is a good size kid with excellent speed. She can play any position in the infield. We play in the Sacramento area against

some of the best teams in the state, or even the country, so to put up the numbers she has this season is pretty impressive."

"I'm very excited to have Kristina join the team next season," said Middle Tennessee head coach Karen Green. "She will be a complement to the middle infield. She has nice soft hand and a natural instinct and natural talent to go along with her hard work ethic." ■

UAB "blazes" Raider tennis

Staff Reports

Birmingham, Ala....The 24th-ranked UAB men's tennis team (16-5, 2-0) defeated Middle Tennessee (11-13, 2-0) 5-2, winning four singles matches and winning all three doubles matches to capture the doubles point.

Sixteenth-ranked Martin Woisetschlager of UAB won his seventh straight match as he knocked off Daniel Klemetz 7-6, 6-2 at no. 1 singles. Kolie Van Zyl, Alex Jung and Alan Ambrose also posted singles victories for the Raiders.

The Blue Raiders lone two wins came from Oliver Foreman and Michael Chamberlain. Foreman playing at No. 2 defeated Tom Dalby in straight sets with Chamberlain winning over

Andre Van Der Merwe in three sets.

"UAB has a solid Top 25 team," commented head coach Dale Short. "Our main concern at this point is getting ready for this weekend's matches."

The loss is the Blue Raiders 10th over their past 12 matches. The Blue Raiders will host Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky in key conference contest on Sunday. Morehead State has jumped out to 5-0 in the OVC and the day's first match will likely clarify the front runner for the OVC Championship.

Middle Tennessee 2 #24 UAB 5

Singles

1. (#16) Martin Woisetschlager

def. Daniel Klemetz (MT) 7-6, 6-2

2. Oliver Foreman (MT) def.

Tom Dalby 6-1, 6-4

3. Kolie Van Zyl vs. Michael

Lancefield (MT) 6-0, 4-6, 6-3

4. Alex Jung vs. Olle Nystrom

(MT) 6-1, 6-0

5. Michael Chamberlain (MT)

def. Andre Van Der Merwe 2-

6, 6-4, 6-3

6. Paul Shovlin vs. Sean

Bowen (MT) 6-3, 5-7, 6-1

Doubles

1. Jung-Dalby vs. Klemetz-

Foreman (MT) 8-6

2. Woisetschlager-Van Der

Merwe vs. R. Gustafsson-

Lancefield (MT) 8-5

3. Ambrose-Van Zyl vs. M.

Pellerin-Chamberlain (MT) 8-4

Records: UAB 16-5, MT 11-13 ■

Federal authorities break up fake memorabilia ring

SAN DIEGO (AP) — An investigation into fake sports and celebrity memorabilia has resulted in charges against 25 people and the seizure of thousands of items with forged autographs — including a baseball supposedly signed by Mother Teresa.

"This is by far the largest memorabilia fraud investigation in the FBI's history," special agent William Gore said Wednesday as authorities put the confiscated goods on display.

In addition to those already charged, about 40 more probably will be charged in coming months, U.S. Attorney Gregory Vega said.

Merchandise included items with fake autographs from Albert Einstein, Abraham

Lincoln, Marilyn Monroe, Michael Jordan, Martin Luther King Jr., Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Mark McGwire and Tony Gwynn.

Some of the items were comically fake, such as the baseball supposedly autographed by Mother Teresa, Assistant U.S. Attorney Phillip Halpern said Tuesday.

The Operation Bullpen investigation targeted a network of forgers and distributors, as well as people who provided fake authentication documents intended to persuade buyers that the items were legitimate, Halpern said.

The forgery ring was based in Southern California but authorities believe the merchandise was distributed nationwide and beyond. Federal agents seized

merchandise, including 10,000 signed baseballs, in California, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Nevada, and Florida.

"I would imagine stuff from this ring is in every single state in the country," Halpern said.

Authorities first got a tip from Upper Deck Co. of Carlsbad, a trading card and memorabilia firm. The investigation suggests the celebrity memorabilia industry is rife with fraud, including merchandise sold at stores that appear to be legitimate, said Halpern, estimating that half or more of the autographed items sold to the public are counterfeit.

The suspects face a variety of charges including forgery, mail and wire fraud, racketeering, counterfeiting, and tax offenses, FBI spokeswoman Jan Caldwell

said. Defendants were expected to surrender, she added.

McGwire and Gwynn helped investigators identify fake autographs, Halpern said. Gwynn said he saw baseballs forged with his signature for sale at a team gift shop in Encinitas.

"There's just so many forged and counterfeit items out there that something had to be done," Gwynn said.

Vega led the investigation led him to doubt the authenticity of items he purchased for his own store, including framed autographed photos of Jordan and Gwynn.

"As I sit here today I'm wondering if they are counterfeit or not," he said. ■

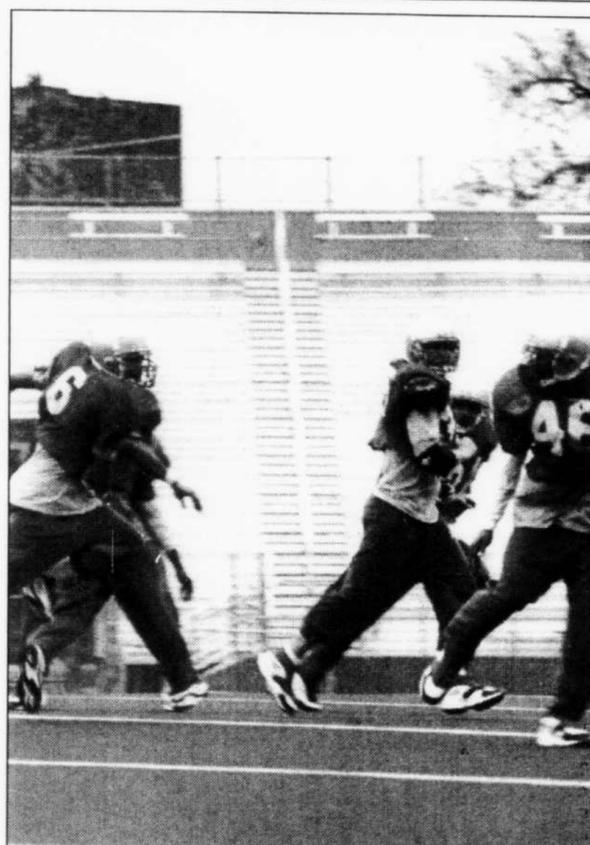


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Hansford Johnson leads the charge downfield Tuesday.

Vols' No. 1 job still wide open

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The battle for starting quarterback is still wide open as Tennessee spring practice winds down.

"Whoever can move the team and handle the huddle, formations, signals and not get us beat and help us win a little bit along the way will be our quarterback," coach Phillip Fulmer said Tuesday.

Competing are Casey Clausen and John Rattay, both true freshmen; redshirt freshman A.J. Suggs; and sophomore Joey Mathews. They seek to replace Tee Martin, the Volunteers'

starter for the past two seasons, including the national championship year in 1998.

Tennessee's spring game is Saturday afternoon.

"I don't think anything can be separated until the fall," Fulmer said. "We're trying to give everybody the same look."

Clausen has been the most consistent this spring. Receiver Eric Parker said Clausen "is ready."

"Casey had a strong arm coming in, and he's learning the offense. Even during study hall, he'd have his playbook right there." ■

Bucs sign former Jets receiver

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are counting on Keyshawn Johnson to be a man of his word.

The two-time Pro Bowl receiver promised one thing Wednesday — to be himself — after signing an eight-year, \$56 million contract with a \$13 million signing bonus that makes him the highest-paid player at his position in the NFL.

For the Bucs, who failed to go to the Super Bowl because they couldn't score enough points, that would be enough.

The team traded two first-round draft picks to the New York Jets and committed nearly \$7 million per season to him to finish the deal because of his track record as a productive and charismatic player whose top priority is winning.

"I'm not a savior ... I can't say I'm hired a gun and come in here like Dennis Rodman did with the Bulls when they were missing a rebounder to win a championship. All I can say is I'm going to do my part," Johnson said.

"It's refreshing to know the Bucs wanted to give up two first-round draft picks to acquire me," he added later, turning on a podium to look toward Tampa Bay owner Malcolm Glazer. "And, I guess, dig into their checkbook to pay a small fee."

Tampa Bay failed to score an offensive touchdown in five games, including the NFC title game and ranked 30th among 31 teams in passing and 28th overall while averaging just over 13 points.

Nevertheless, the Bucs had their best season in franchise history because of a defense that was so dominant that the team won two of those five games the offense couldn't get into the end zone.

"Everybody knows the Tampa Bay Bucs have an extraordinary defense that put them in the NFC championship game last year," Johnson said. "I hear all the time, all they need is 17. Well, we're definitely going to try to give them that 17."

New York gets the 13th and 27th overall picks, making it the first team ever with four first-

rounders. The others are No. 16 and No. 18.

That gives them the wherewithal to deal during the draft if they have to move up to get a player they want.

"The acquisition of two more first-round picks creates many opportunities for us in the draft, including more maneuvering," Jets coach Al Groh said.

In four NFL seasons, Johnson has caught 305 passes for 4,108 yards and 31 touchdowns, despite playing only one year — 1998 with Vinny Testaverde — with a high-quality quarterback throwing to him.

The 27-year-old receiver goes into a well-balanced, imaginative attack to one of the most conservative, run-oriented offenses in football. He won't have a veteran at quarterback, either, with second-year pro Shaun King.

Johnson said he's ready to do whatever is necessary to help King develop, even if it means catching fewer passes.

"As long as I can contribute in the blocking scheme or some-

thing," he said. "Just don't pay me as a \$7 million receiver and stand me on the sideline."

That shouldn't be a problem.

Johnson is the third Pro Bowl player to be added to the Bucs offense since the team failed to score a touchdown in an 11-6 loss to the St. Louis Rams in the NFC title game, joining center Jeff Christy and guard Randall McDaniel.

Mike Shula was fired as offensive coordinator and replaced by Les Steckel, who is installing the offense the Tennessee Titans used to make it to the Super Bowl last season.

Johnson, who had been scheduled to earn \$2.4 million with the Jets next season, is the highest-profile offensive star in Bucs history and adds the deep passing threat Tampa Bay has lacked for years. Johnson's receiving yardage for last season alone surpassed the career numbers for all but two of Tampa Bay's other receivers.

Johnson had 89 catches for 1,170 yards and eight TDs in 1999. ■

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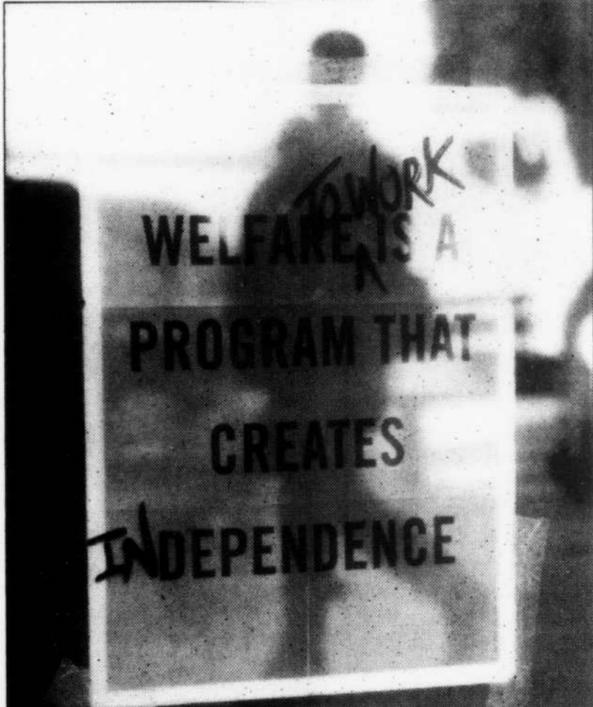
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2000 OVC Baseball Standings

OVC Overall

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| Eastern Kentucky | 10-2 | 15-16 |
| Southeast Missouri | 6-2 | 20-9 |
| Murray State | 8-3 | 4-17 |
| Middle Tennessee | 5-3 | 17-16 |
| Eastern Illinois | 6-5 | 10-18 |
| Tennessee Tech | 4-4 | 15-15 |
| Morehead State | 2-7 | 14-15-1 |
| Austin Peay | 1-8 | 16-19 |
| Tennessee-Martin | 0-8 | 7-26 |

April 9

*Eastern Kentucky 9-6, Morehead State 8-8 (Gm. 1/8 inn.)
*Middle Tennessee 8, Southeast Missouri 5
*Murray State 8-7, Tennessee-Martin 3-6
*Tennessee Tech 11-8, Eastern Illinois 4-6
Southern Illinois 6, Austin Peay 5 (10 inn.)

April 11

Missouri Baptist 5, Southeast Missouri 4
Saint Louis 20, Eastern Illinois 12
Southern Illinois 12, Tennessee-Martin 6
All other games ppd. by rain

April 15

*Tennessee Tech at Eastern Kentucky (2) - 12 noon
*Southeast Missouri at Tennessee-Martin (2) - 1:00 p.m.
Belmont at Murray State - 1:00 p.m.
*Eastern Illinois at Austin Peay (2) - 2:00 p.m.
*Morehead State at Middle Tennessee (2) - 2:00 p.m.

April 16

*Tennessee Tech at Eastern Kentucky - 12 noon
*Southeast Missouri at Tennessee-Martin - 1:00 p.m.
*Eastern Illinois at Austin Peay - 2:00 p.m.
*Morehead State at Middle Tennessee - 2:00 p.m.

Softball Games

(Through Games of Apr. 10) (Through Games of 4/11)

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| E. Illinois | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 17 | 23 | 0 | .425 |
| TN Tech | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 2 | 22 | 0 | .522 |
| E. Kentucky | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 16 | 24 | 0 | .400 |
| SE Missouri | 5 | 4 | 0 | .556 | 13 | 18 | 0 | .419 |
| TN-Martin | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 12 | 13 | 0 | .480 |
| Morehead St. | 1 | 7 | 0 | .125 | 11 | 23 | 0 | .324 |
| TN State | 1 | 8 | 0 | .111 | 4 | 28 | 0 | .125 |
| Austin Peay | 1 | 9 | 0 | .100 | 10 | 29 | 0 | .256 |

Upcoming Games

| Date | Game | Time (CST) |
|---------------------|---|------------|
| Wednesday, April 12 | *Morehead State at Eastern Kentucky (2) | 2 p.m. |
| Thursday, April 13 | Eastern Illinois at Illinois-Chicago (2) | 4 p.m. |
| Friday, April 14 | Tennessee Tech at Western Kentucky (2) | 2 p.m. |
| | *Southeast Missouri at Tennessee State | 5 p.m. |
| Saturday, April 15 | *Tennessee-Martin at Eastern Kentucky (2) | 12 noon |
| | *Tennessee State at Austin Peay (2) | 1 p.m. |
| | *Morehead State at Eastern Illinois (2) | 1 p.m. |
| | *Southeast Missouri at Middle Tennessee (2) | 2 p.m. |
| Sunday, April 16 | *Tennessee-Martin at Eastern Kentucky | 12 noon |
| | *Tennessee Tech at Austin Peay (2) | 1 p.m. |
| | *Morehead State at Eastern Illinois | 1 p.m. |
| | *Southeast Missouri at Middle Tennessee | 1 p.m. |

* - denotes OVC game

National Baseball Rankings

| Team | PTS | PVS |
|---------------------------------|-------|-----|
| 1. Florida St (42) (35-5) | 1,073 | 1 |
| 2. Texas (32-7) | 1,003 | 2 |
| 3. South Carolina (32-4) | 998 | 3 |
| 4. Arizona State (30-9) | 933 | 4 |
| 5. Stanford (25-9) | 890 | 6 |
| 6. Clemson (28-7) | 816 | 7 |
| 7. Louisiana State (26-10) | 709 | 16 |
| 8. Louisiana-Lafayette (30-4) | 677 | 8 |
| 9. Houston (24-11) | 657 | 9 |
| 10. Baylor (28-11) | 629 | 14 |
| 11. Auburn (30-10) | 609 | 10 |
| 12. North Carolina (28-9) | 588 | 5 |
| 13. Georgia Tech (26-8) | 539 | 18 |
| 14. Cal State Fullerton (21-10) | 474 | 13 |
| 15. Wake Forest (29-9-1) | 448 | 23 |
| 16. Mississippi State (24-8) | 424 | 11 |
| 17. Miami, Fla (24-12-1) | 354 | 12 |
| 18. Southern California (23-13) | 334 | 15 |
| 19. Fresno State (27-10) | 298 | 17 |
| 20. Long Beach State (23-11) | 295 | 21 |
| 21. Creighton (26-7) | 178 | 24 |
| 22. East Carolina (29-8) | 138 | 19 |
| 23. Tennessee (30-11) | 115 | NR |
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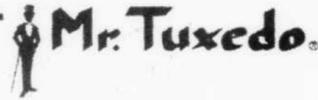
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Kyle Farnsworth (1-1) scattered four runs and six hits over seven innings for the Cubs.

After Terry Mulholland (0-2) walked Sammy Sosa and gave up a single to Hill in the first, Andrews sent a 1-1 pitch into

the left-field bleachers.

The Cubs rocked Mulholland again with a four-run fifth. With Eric Young and Sosa on base, Hill sent a 2-1 pitch deep down the left-field line.

That brought up Andrews, who sent Mulholland's 1-0 pitch over the left field fence for the 8-2 lead.

That was all for Mulholland, who gave up eight runs — all of them earned — on seven hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Jones spoiled Farnsworth's no-hit bid when he led the fourth with a home run. ■

Yankees squeak past Rangers

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Yankees opened the home portion of the 2000 season in familiar fashion, with Mel Stottlemyre in the dugout and a win over the Texas Rangers.

Tino Martinez's two-run triple in the seventh inning carried the Yankees over Texas 8-6 Wednesday.

The Yankees rallied in the seventh inning after third baseman Wilson Delgado's throwing error gave the Rangers a 6-5 lead.

Paul O'Neill and Bernie Williams, whose three-run homer gave the Yankees a 4-2 lead in the fifth, led off the seventh with singles off Mike Munoz (0-1). Martinez then hit a long drive to right-center for his third hit of the game, scoring both runners. ■

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