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## New library celebrates formal grand opening with open house

Staff reports

It will be official soon.

Although MTSU's new library has been open all semester, an open house will be held on Sunday, followed by a formal grand opening ceremony on Monday.

Between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. on Sunday, the general public is invited to tour MTSU's four-story library facility, observe demonstrations and enjoy refreshments.

"Nothing is more significant for the academic core of a university than this symbol of learning," said President James Walker.

The library belongs to all of us, because learning is the bond that brings us together, enriches our lives and carries us all to greater heights. We are pleased indeed to welcome guests to our campus and to our new library — to this place of learning where dreams still come true."

Adequate parking will be available. Guests may enter the campus from the East Main Street and park in lots south and east of the library.

Parking lots adjacent to the recreation center and the mass communications building will also be available.

A formal grand opening will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in the library's 72 foot-high atrium, which will be followed

by tours and demonstrations. President Walker, Barbara Haskew, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and Don Craig, library dean will offer remarks at the ceremony. Parking for this event will be limited. Guests may park at the Tennessee Livestock Center and ride the Raider Xpress shuttle to the library.

This 250,000 square-foot library includes an electronic information center with 60 microcomputers, an adaptive technology center for use by students with disabilities, a special collection area and a reference/information area that offers 40 public catalog terminals.

Worth \$33 million, the facility provides several study group rooms, individual carrels for the use of graduate students and over 50 faculty research studies. William Black, administrative services librarian, said state-of-the-art facilities such as MTSU's library, will enhance research, study and intellectual growth.

"As we work to provide innovative services, build partnerships to share information and locate support for improving book and journal holdings, this building will speak volumes to the importance of library resources on campus," he said.

For more information, contact the MTSU library at 898-2772. ■

## Newly renovated Woodmore opens

Staff reports

The renovations may have taken longer than had been announced, but the Cyber Cafe at Woodmore is finally open for students.

The cafeteria now houses Burger King, Starbucks Coffee and DC Subs, as well as a convenience store.

The Cyber Cafe at Woodmore will be open on Monday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

It will be closed on Saturday and will be open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

The KUC Grill will run on an altered schedule for the remainder of the semester.

It will be open Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will be closed on Sunday.

Operation hours will remain the same for Corlew and JUB cafeterias. ■



Photo by Derrick Wilson

Seniors Staci Carroll and Patti Peck enjoy a cup of Starbucks coffee at Woodmore last night.

## URHA holds Raider Recognition Awards

DeDe Barnes  
Staff reporter

It was a chance to recognize those who represent the best of residential life.

The Raider Recognition Awards were held on Friday.

Members of the URHA (United Residence Hall Association) were present.

The URHA is responsible for issues concerning each area along with budgetary and spending matters. Each area elects one person to represent it. Representatives meet on a regular basis to discuss residential matters.

Raider Recognition Award candidates were nominated by staff and students for their diligence and commitments.

Jean Brake, a McHenry Hall resident assistant received an award for Best RA.

"This is my second time in a row winning the award," Brake said. "But I was as much surprised and excited as last year. I love being an RA, and I look forward to floor meetings."

Area I-B, comprised of the Lyon Complex and Rutledge Hall, received an award for Community Service.

Residents say they enjoy giving back to the community. They volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club recently and have participated food drives for the homeless, Toys for Tots and a grandmother-adoption program.



Photo by Shawn Whitsell

Bill Hobbs accepts the awards for Most Improved Area and Best Overall Area on behalf of Area V.

Other awards included Vicki Smith (Best Desk Assistant), Bill Hobbs (Best Area Govt. Advisor), Dorothy Lent (Area Govt.), Jackie Jones (an achievement award for contributing a great deal to residents), Area V (Most Improved and Best Overall) and Christopher Goodmaster (Best Computer Lab Assistant). ■

## Jury finds Reid guilty of murdering two restaurant employees

David Frey  
Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Paul Reid was convicted Wednesday of murdering two workers at a Nashville restaurant, and faces two more trials on charges he killed five other people.

After deliberating about three hours, the jury found Reid guilty of one count of robbery and four counts of murder in the deaths of Captain D's restaurant workers Steve Hampton, 25, and Sarah Jackson, 16.

The jury, selected in Knoxville because of publicity about the case in Nashville, began deliberating at about 4:30 p.m. after hearing three days of testimony.

A sentencing hearing has been set for Saturday. Reid could now face the death penalty.

Reid hung his head as the verdict was read. Family members of the victims didn't talk to reporters, but let out a collective cheer as they boarded the elevator outside the courtroom following the verdict.

"Obviously you could tell they were extremely pleased," Assistant District Attorney Tom Thurman said. "It's been a long hard road for them. They've got some more to go through, but I think they're very relieved."

According to prosecutors, Reid was desperate for money when he broke into the Nashville Captain D's on Feb. 16, 1997, and shot the two workers as they prepared to open the restaurant, then ran off with nearly \$7,500.

Hampton, a father of three, was a manager. Jackson, a high school sophomore, was a part-time worker trying to save money for a car CD player.

This was the first of three capital murder trials for Reid, a 41-

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## Germany unveils new peace plan for Kosovo

Jeffrey Ulbrich  
Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — In a drive to bring peace to Kosovo, Germany unveiled a plan Wednesday calling for a one-day suspension of airstrikes if Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic begins withdrawing troops from the province. European Union leaders, however, set the idea aside in favor of a similar initiative by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

There was no indication that Milosevic would agree to any of the proposals.

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, current president of the 15-nation European Union, convened a special EU summit Wednesday to discuss Kosovo, but said the German plan was not directly addressed. Instead, the EU leaders united behind a five-point U.N. initiative announced Friday.

"The heads of state and government reiterate their determination not to tolerate the killings and deportations in Kosovo and believe that the use of the severest measures, including military action, has been both necessary and warranted," Schroeder said.

Eleven of the EU's 15 members are also members of NATO, which has been bombing Yugoslavia to cripple Serbia's ability to crack down on ethnic Albanians who have been fighting for independence.

The EU leaders said Annan's five points summed up the demands of the international community.

The leaders stressed "it is now up to the Yugoslav authorities to fully accept the international demands and begin immediately with their implementation," Schroeder said.

The EU, he said, reaffirmed its support for a political settlement based on the agreement negotiated at Rambouillet, France, in February — signed by the Kosovo Albanians and rejected by the Serbs. He said the EU was prepared to run the interim administration of Kosovo under such a plan.

Annan, who said he came to Brussels "to listen and to explore with the leaders ways to intensify diplomatic efforts," said he had no plans to go to Belgrade to discuss either initiative with Milosevic.

The leaders apparently wanted more time to study the German proposal.

Annan's initiative, announced last week in Geneva, called for:

— An immediate end to the campaign of intimidation and expulsion of civilians.

— Ceasing all military and paramilitary activities in Kosovo and withdraw these forces.

— Accepting unconditionally the return of all refugees and displaced people to their homes.

— Accepting the deployment of an international military force to help in the return of refugees and delivery of aid.

— Permitting the international community to verify compliance.

Those are very similar to NATO's own conditions for halting the bombing.

Under the German plan, presented earlier in Bonn, NATO would suspend its airstrikes on Yugoslavia for 24 hours to give Milosevic time to begin moving his troops out of the province, and permanently suspend the attacks once the pullout is complete.

The proposals call for a U.N. military force to move in as Yugoslav army and special police forces withdraw. That would be followed by a return of the hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanian refugees from Albania and Macedonia and an interim U.N. administration of Kosovo.

In Washington, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin called the German proposals constructive and said they were in line with the conditions that NATO has laid down.

He described them as a beginning of a discussion of how the conditions would be implemented.

NATO welcomed the German plan as a "food-for-thought paper," but did not immediately endorse it. Spokesman Jamie Shea called it a "very useful and necessary contribution" to the debate on how to get Milosevic to back down.

But Shea said the plan did not yet have any "official status" at NATO because it had yet to be studied in NATO capitals and at the United Nations. Alliance officials feel the air campaign has begun to stagger Milosevic and are hesitant to ease up and give him a chance to recover. ■

# ON CAMPUS

## LOOKING AHEAD

**APRIL 15**  
The Raider Assistance Project will have a meeting in KUC 324 for those interested in community service projects. For more information call Maggie Prugh at 904-8418.

**APRIL 17**  
Alpha Delta Pi and Pi Kappa Alpha is hosting a charity car wash at Birdie's Restaurant on Memorial Blvd. They will begin washing cars at noon.

**APRIL 23-24**  
The Dance team will have tryouts on Friday from 4 p.m. till 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. Dance Team tryouts are on Friday. Majorette, Guard and Drum Major tryouts are on Saturday. For more information call University Bands' office 898-2993 or Betsy Drewry at 898-5583.

**ON GOING**  
Presbyterian Student Fellowship will host dinner and discussion on Wed at 6:30 p.m. located at the Fellowship House on 615 N Tennessee Blvd following the study there will be wallyball at 9 p.m. at the Rec Center. For more info call Rich Zeigler at 893-1787 or Andrew Lee at 867-7370.

Raider Victory Fellowship will have weekly meetings and Bible sessions on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Corlew Hall room 719. They will meet on

Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at Cummings Hall lobby and at 8 p.m. at Felder Hall room 208. Contact Ricky Walters at 317-4541.

MTSU Fencing Club will have practices every Monday at 8:30 p.m. till 10:30 p.m. in the Aerobics Room located in the Rec Center. The practices are geared to students of all skill levels. Contact Michael "Hunter" Jones at 896-4596 or e-mail at shadowh@bellsouth.net.

The Kingwood Heights Church of Christ College Class will meet every second Thursday at 6:30. Kingwood Heights Church is located at 115 East MTCS Road. Contact Chuck Mullins at 898-1086 or Alan Walker at 890-0940 for more information.

The Student Pagan Organization will have meetings Monday at 8 p.m. The meetings will take place on the 2nd floor of the KUC in the lounge area. For more information contact John Bryan at 898-3734.

The MTSU women's rugby team will have practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 till 7:30 p.m. The practices will be held at the Rec Center or the intramural fields if the weather is permitting. Contact Shannon Bustillo at 867-3592 or e-mail at sib2a@mtsu.edu.

Lambda Organization meetings will be on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in room

S316 of the Business Aerospace building. For more information go to www.mtsu.edu/~mtLambda.

Campus Crusade for Christ will meet on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in KUC room 322. Those interested may contact Courtney Rushlow at 849-7899 for more information.

The Tennis Club will have meetings every Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 12 noon at the MTSU tennis courts. Players of all skill levels are welcome. Contact Carrie Hupp at 896-7164 for more information.

The Ultimate Freesbie Club will meet in the fields located across the street from the Rec Center. They will meet every Thursday at 8 p.m. For more information contact Eric Taylor at 898-3217.

SGA president Andrae Crismon invites all students interested in being a part of student government to call and get information. Students can call either Andrae Crismon at 898-3827 or call Shronda Black, press secretary, at 867-0166.

The Raquetball Club's League play will continue to meet Wednesday evening 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. and every Thursday from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. Everyone interested in improving their game and in playing a variety of players is encouraged to come. For more information call Patrick Doyle at 898-2069.

To submit an announcement for On Campus, submit information in person at James Union Building Room 310, mail information to campus box 42 or fax information to 904-8487. Due to space constraints, priority will be given to submissions with earlier deadlines.

## Mass Comm group to focus on international students

**Nicholas L. Mullins**  
Staff reporter

One of MTSU's most advanced colleges is going global and needs your help.

"We've always wanted our students to branch out globally," said radio-TV/photography professor Robert Spires said. "This group hopes to bring an international perspective to the college."

An international mass communication interest group is being assembled within the department.

"[The interest group] would provide a resource for international students within the college," Spires said.

The organization would help international communications students, while also giving students an

opportunity to travel internationally to media institutions outside the U.S.

"Right now [the faculty] is trying to generate interest about this group within the college," Spires said. "We want to know how many people are interested in joining an organization like this."

The group plans to sponsor future events within the college.

Some ideas being discussed include beginning and end-of-year receptions for international communication students and a series of brown bag seminars where international speakers can share their experiences with students.

Students interested in joining the international mass communication interest group should contact Spires at 898-2217. ■

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Kevorkian says he's on hunger strike; officials say no force feeding

**Detroit (AP)**—Dr. Jack Kevorkian says he will refuse to eat while imprisoned on his murder conviction, and a new jail policy prevents him from being force fed.

The assisted-suicide advocate, sentenced Tuesday to 10 to 25 years in prison, said he would begin a hunger strike immediately, The Oakland Press reported Wednesday.

"I know they are going to force-feed me, but my captivity is still enslavement, and I am not going to go along with it," Kevorkian said.

It was not known Wednesday whether he followed through.

State prison officials said they reversed their policy on force feeding Tuesday, the same day the 70-year-old retired pathologist was sentenced.

The change came after state lawyers realized the previous policy requiring force-feeding of an inmate was contrary to a 1996 state court order that banned a prison from feeding a man against his will.

Michigan Department of Corrections spokesman Matt Davis said the policy change had nothing to do with Kevorkian.

Kevorkian was convicted of second degree murder for injecting Thomas Youk, 52, with a lethal dose of chemicals on in September at Youk's request. ■

### Quayle officially in race, pledges to fight for values

**Huntington, Ind. (AP)**—Former Vice President Dan Quayle, trying to refurbish his image and jump-start his GOP presidential campaign, declared his candidacy Wednesday by pledging to rebuild American values after "a dishonest decade of Bill Clinton and Al Gore."

Seeking office for the first time since he and President Bush succumbed to Clinton and Gore in 1992, the former Indiana senator sought to push beyond a history of political gaffes and controversies. "Murphy Brown is gone," he said, "and I'm still here fighting for the American family."

Quayle's use of the TV sitcom in the 1992 campaign to highlight a "poverty of values" brought him criticism and ridicule from some quarters. But he returned to the theme Wednesday, betting that primary voters will reward him for casting a spotlight on the family-values debate.

"The question in life is not whether you get knocked down. You will. The question is, are you ready to get back up, are you willing to get back up and fight for what you believe in?" Quayle said.

A crowd of nearly 6,000, packed to the gym rafters at his former high school, shouted "Q2K! Q2K! Q2K!" for Quayle 2000. Fireworks exploded before and after his speech, covering the stage in a haze of smoke. Rock music, hundreds of handpainted signs and an appearance by ball-tossing former Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon gave the announcement a pep rally feeling. ■

### Wynette's body exhumed, autopsy performed to discover cause of death

**Nashville (AP)**—The body of country music legend Tammy Wynette was exhumed Wednesday and an autopsy performed to try to answer lingering questions about her death.

Widower George Richey, Wynette's fifth husband and the subject of a \$50 million wrongful death lawsuit brought by three of her daughters, requested the exhumation and autopsy.

The results are expected in four to six weeks.

In a lawsuit filed last week, the daughters claim Wynette died because her doctor, Dr. Wallis Marsh of Pittsburgh, did not monitor her condition closely enough and overprescribed medication.

They also claim Richey did not seek medical care for her after being urged to do so by Marsh.

Richey read a statement at a news conference criticizing the daughters for the lawsuit.

"I'm saddened that, out of frustration over financial matters, her daughters have been willing to work so hard to discredit their mother. And that's what they have done," said Richey, who is not the father of any of the daughters.

Wynette, who died at age 55 and had 20 No. 1 hits, including "Stand By Your Man," endured many health problems for much of her life and took various drugs to quell her pain. ■

## WORLD NEWS



### Russia, China warn of new arms race over U.S. missile defense plans

**Moscow (AP)**—Russia and China on Wednesday warned of a new arms race if the United States goes ahead with plans to develop a nationwide defense system against limited missile attack.

The U.S. Senate recently approved a bill calling for construction of the defense system "as soon as technologically possible." The Americans have grown concerned about the possibility of attack from countries such as Iran, Iraq and North Korea.

Russian politicians have been unanimous in assailing the U.S. plan to develop anti-missile defenses, saying the move would violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty. Moscow strongly opposes U.S. proposals to amend the treaty to allow for limited missile defenses.

Russian and Chinese military officials and diplomats who met in Moscow to discuss the situation issued a statement saying the two countries have serious concerns about the U.S. plans.

"The fulfillment of these plans would violate the main obligation under the ABM treaty," said the statement, circulated by the Russian Foreign Ministry. ■

### Anwar gets six years, Kuala Lumpur rocked by protests

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (AP)**—The wife of a leading reformer stepped forward Wednesday to unite opposition parties against Malaysia's long-serving ruler, galvanized by her husband's stiff sentence on corruption charges.

The landmark verdict against former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim could energize opposition politics in this Southeast Asian nation. The one-time heir-apparent received six years in prison Wednesday — longer than most had anticipated.

The term effectively bars Anwar, 51, from politics for at least five years after his release from prison. He had repeatedly declared his innocence, saying he was the victim of a political conspiracy to eliminate his challenge to Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's 18-year rule.

There were gasps in the courtroom and protests in the streets at the sentence, although Anwar seemed unmoved.

"My body may be incarcerated," he said, "but my soul is free."

Azizah Ismail, Anwar's wife and now the leader of his political reform movement, fought tears as she spoke to reporters outside the courthouse.

"Our family is sad. My children are deprived of their father," she said. "But we don't regret it. We feel proud with my husband's stand and the principle we all fight for."

Azizah, who has tried to keep her husband's crusade for political change alive since he was jailed last September, pressed ahead Wednesday in attempts to forge consensus, meeting with leaders of the Islamic and centrist parties. ■

### Candidates withdraw from Algerian vote to protest fraud

**Algiers, Algeria (AP)**—Algeria's presidential election was thrown into chaos Wednesday after six of the seven candidates announced they were withdrawing to protest fraud in early voting.

The sole candidate left in the running — Abdelaziz Bouteflika, who is widely believed to have the support of the powerful military — said he would only accept the presidency if there were a high voter turnout and a large majority for him.

The election on Thursday is meant to give Algeria its first civilian president since 1965 and reconcile a nation reeling from an Islamic insurgency that has killed some 75,000 people in seven years. The unrest was sparked when the military aborted the 1992 legislative elections, which Muslim fundamentalists were about to win.

Until now, candidates, authorities and even a banned Muslim fundamentalist party had seen the election as the turning point for a brutalized nation, encouraged by promises by outgoing President Liamine Zeroual that the vote would be clean.

In a nationwide televised address, Zeroual said the vote would go ahead as planned and appealed to Algerians to go to the polls in droves. ■

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# Nashville marks one-year anniversary of downtown twister

**Marta W. Aldrich**  
Associated Press

**NASHVILLE** — With broken glass and twisted steel circling in the wind, a tornado hurled Buddy Hall 75 feet across a downtown parking lot until he grabbed a car fender and held on for dear life.

His body bruised and grip slipping, the 56-year-old public works employee dropped down and hugged the car's tire until the winds passed.

"You just don't think about a tornado hitting a busy downtown area," he said of the twister that ripped through the city one year ago Friday.

"I guess you think you'll be protected by all those buildings surrounding you. But there's nothing that can stop that kind of wind."

Nashville was not caught completely off guard last April 16.

Local radio and television stations gave warnings while tracking a storm system that caused six deaths elsewhere in Tennessee that day.

But there was surprise when the tornado touched down in the heart of the city.

About 70,000 workers were downtown as it skipped along Charlotte Pike toward

the business district just before the afternoon rush hour. Some watched the approach from high-rise offices and rushed to lower levels as alarms sounded or instructions came over the building intercom. They crouched in stairwells or closets — away from glass windows — and waited.

On streets below, drivers abandoned cars and joined pedestrians seeking refuge inside a building — any building — as storekeepers and property managers waved them in.

The roar lasted only a few minutes. When it was over, thousands of windows were shattered and streets and sidewalks were littered with shards of glass. The entire district was without power, including the downtown headquarters of the Nashville Electric Service.

Miraculously, only one person was killed — a Vanderbilt University student hit by a falling tree at a park just west of downtown.

"It's hard to believe that no one died in downtown Nashville that day," said Joe Schaefer, director of the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center.

"It was a relatively weak tornado but tremendously hazardous because you had sheets of glass flying off buildings. And a piece of glass at a hundred miles an hour is

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Joe Schaefer

not something you want to meet."

Left behind was \$200 million in damage to about 3,000 homes, 600 businesses and several historic churches. Most of the homes were in East Nashville.

Winds clocked at 157 mph uprooted about 20,000 trees across the city and toppled cranes at the football stadium under construction for the NFL's Tennessee Titans.

Downtown landmarks such as the Ryman Auditorium, former home of the Grand Ole Opry, were spared.

In the suburbs, the pastoral Hermitage estate of President Andrew Jackson lost more than 1,200 trees, including cedars Jackson himself planted in 1837.

"Even a year later, people are still

emotional about it," said Billy Fields, head of the city's Tornado Recovery Board. "Everybody has a story to tell about where they were when the tornado hit."

The cleanup began immediately. Crews worked around the clock downtown to sweep up glass and rubble and cover broken windows with plywood. Thousands of volunteers pitched in to help elsewhere. Four days later — on Monday morning — downtown Nashville reopened.

Since most windows were custom-designed, replacement was not easy. The 20-story NationsBank Plaza lost about 500 of its 2,800 panes and only last month replaced the skylights in its atrium, manager Hal Yarbrough said.

For nine months, the hands of the tower clock on the Union Station Hotel stood at 3:30, the moment the tornado swept through the city and knocked out its mechanism. It finally was fixed in January.

The twister put the stadium about a month behind schedule, but it still will be ready for the Titans' Aug. 27 preseasont game against Atlanta.

Almost \$177 million in insurance claims had been paid out as of last week, with just over 2 percent of the 28,533 claims still open, according to the state Department of Commerce and Insurance.

In this \$2 billion-a-year tourism town,

the city hopes to rebound this year after a 15 percent drop in business last summer, due at least partly to images of tornado damage broadcast and printed around the country.

Uprooted trees have been an incessant headache, and many still remain on private properties. Crews carted away nearly 27,000 tons of wood in the first month, and the buzz of chain saws and wood chippers has been a common sound along the twister's path. Almost \$6 million has been spent on stump removal alone, said Kevin Penney, the city's emergency director.

At the Hermitage, many of the lost trees were fashioned into toys, rocking chairs and even guitars to sell in the historic mansion's gift shop.

As autumn reminded the city anew of its lost fall colors and shade, Mayor Phil Bredesen and his wife launched a \$1 million fund-raising drive called ReLeaf Nashville to replant 6,500 trees over five years.

For Buddy Hall, the tornado has meant a year of rehabilitation to his right knee, which suffered two torn ligaments in the wind-whipped parking lot that day.

"I'm just now able to walk up steps, but I'm not complaining," he said. "I feel very lucky." ■

## Ceremony recognizes three student achievers, leaders

**Courtney Ashford**  
Staff reporter

Three outstanding students were recognized at the Student Recognition Awards held April 8 in the KUC courtyard.

President James Walker said MTSU is full of dedicated students that go above and beyond the call of duty each day. Some students contribute more time to school than is necessary.

"Today we have a chance to stop, pause and recognize these students," Walker said.

Representatives from Phi Eta Sigma and The Hampton Society spoke before the three awards were given.

Both organizations were

recognized for their dedication and contribution to MTSU.

Judy C. Van Vorhis was given the Robert C. LaLance Jr. Achievement Award.

She struggled with self-support, artistry and emotional issues of child abuse.

Faculty who know her say that she continues to gain ground over her debilitating issues.

"College is a miracle I never thought would occur," Van Vorhis said. "I'm speechless, and that's something that never happens."

Van Vorhis also gives credit to those who have helped along the way by saying that it is "hard to accomplish things without others."

Janet Patterson received the Barbara S. Haskew Provost's Award.

Patterson, described as quiet, speaks her mind when something must be said. She says her goal is to teach English in her home, rural county rather than at the college level. A faculty member stated that she was a young literary critic.

Patterson said the award is simply an honor.

The James E. Walker President's Award was given to Michelle Elizabeth Bradburn.

Bradburn is regarded as one of those students who are always on hand to help.

She is president of her sorority, and many faculty members agree that she is a campus leader.

"Actually, I was surprised because there are so many people who do so much for this university," Bradburn said. ■

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year-old Texas parolee who moved to Nashville to pursue a country music career. He also is charged with killing a manager and two workers at a McDonald's restaurant in the Nashville suburb of Hermitage on March 23, 1997.

A fourth worker survived stab wounds and identified Reid as the attacker.

And he is charged with the April 23, 1997, murders of Angela Holmes, 21, and Michelle Mace, 16, who were kidnapped and killed while working the night

shift at a Baskin-Robbins ice cream store in Clarksville.

Reid had denied any role in the murder of the two Captain D's workers.

"I'm trying to be exactly honest with you that I did not pull the trigger, that I did not shoot and kill anybody," Reid told officers after he was arrested in June 1997, and three people came forward linking him to the Captain D's murders.

But, he said, "if I am the killer, I don't want you two (police officers) to just hate me."

Prosecutors had no physical evidence tying Reid to the Captain D's killings. They were

relying heavily on a Reid thumbprint found on a movie card that had been in Hampton's wallet. The card was found along a road not far from Reid's home.

"Obviously the fingerprint was the most crucial evidence to the case, along with the large amount of money he (Reid) spent shortly after the crime," Thurman said.

He said those two things helped get a conviction, as well as "a lot of citizens who came forward and told what they saw and were willing to testify, which was very crucial."

Defense attorneys would not comment on the verdict, citing a gag order. ■



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## Editorial

### Discrimination not limited to racism

It is Sidelines' policy to accept opinion pieces written by students outside the Sidelines staff in order to represent a diverse student body. Those columns, like the one featured on this page, do not necessarily reflect the opinions of its entire staff.

As an editorial staff, we feel that prejudice is not limited to racism. Discrimination against someone is because of factors that make him or her different from others, whether that difference involves the person's race, religion or sexual orientation.

Sure, African-Americans have long suffered prejudice and still face hardships. Women are still victims of prejudice, and only recently has there been action insuring equality for disabled Americans.

But it is not necessary for one's family to have a background of slavery for him or her to experience discrimination. It seems the people who have seen themselves or their ancestors discriminated against might have more empathetic compassion for others in similar — even if not identical — situations.

To say that one group seeking equality lessens those movements of another group is absurd and biased. The fact that some insist only select groups should be considered equal is an indication that many Americans do not understand the struggles of those around them.

Martin Luther King Jr. is not an African-American hero — he's an American hero. Regardless of whether King supported homosexuality, his efforts defended the rights of all men and women.

Americans should have learned from the Civil War that the segregation of Americans from diverse backgrounds, lifestyles and views is both shallow and destructive. ■

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### BURNT TOAST BY CURT MANN

#### BURNT TOAST



## From the Mailbox

### Discrimination clause will make MTSU a joke

To the Editor:

I just want to talk a minute about the new clause that some students want put into the discrimination clause about sexual preference. My question who cares if you're gay or not? NO ONE!!!!!! If this statement "or sexual preference" is put into the discrimination clause here at MTSU it will make everyone think that MTSU is a joke not a major university. Don't we have enough problems on this campus (ie. Housing, The Art Barn)?

Really I mean as a strait (sic) man I don't go around announcing "HEY I'M STRAIT (sic)" and I don't discuss what I do in the privacy of my home. Also I've never heard a professor or anyone else on this campus say, "If you're gay you don't belong here. LAMDA (sic) says they are tolerant (sic) of everyone and they just want

to be treated equally. Well people you are treated the same because who you sleep with has nothing to do with school and there are many people who are tired of hearing about your sex lives.

I came to MTSU to get a degree so I can get a job not to hear about someone's sexual preference. Don't get me wrong I have nothing against gay people. I mean we have to read about your organization in Sidelines all the time. Last year there was a large article about someone writing "GAYS GO HOME" on a sidewalk in Peck Hall yet LAMDA (sic) writes things about being gay all the time which the average guy wishes they would keep their sex lives to themselves instead of announcing it.

Thank you for your time.

Peace be with you.

Michael C. Cook  
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nominated. There was plenty of food at the reception after the ceremony. In fact, we had a bit too much. Be on the lookout for these types of URHA events; it could at least mean free dinner.

## Barbecue

URHA is throwing a barbecue on Tuesday, April 27, at the recreation center, beginning at 4 p.m. It is going to be held on the sundeck. There will be food, volleyball and swimming in the new outdoor pool. If you haven't seen the outdoor pool, you should go check it out. There are lots of bikinis out there. If you need more information, call 4058 and ask for Justin or Bobby; we will help answer all of your questions.

## Cheeseheads

I just thought I would tell you that in May a few members of URHA will be flying to Wisconsin for NACURH 1999. NACURH is a conference for campus housing programs and such. Personally, I am going for the women. It is too late for you to sign up, but if you would be interested in going to a conference in the future, you can ask someone who is involved in URHA. It is absolutely free to MTSU students who live in campus housing. I have never been to one myself, but from what I've heard, it is fun. Also, I hate to fly. I will be severely inebriated for the flight, either through medication or other means. Your prayers for our safe journey through the hellish sky would be appreciated. The way I see it, there hasn't been a crash in awhile and the airlines are due.

Once again, if you have something to say about our "beautiful" campus housing, you can write us at Box 550. Please no suspicious or ticking packages. The post office will just detonate or destroy it in the parking lot and give me the remains. See you next week. ■

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1999

# OPINIONS

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson  
Murfreesboro, TN

## FROM THE HEART

by Kevin Neal Fisher  
Tennessee Right to Life President

There is ABSOLUTELY NO REASON WHATSOEVER for MTSU to change any aspect of its anti-discrimination policy, and I wholeheartedly support President Walker in refusing to bow to Lambda's demands. In fact, based on recent actions by Lambda and for making a mockery of the gains made by minorities, women, the disabled, and for tarnishing the image of our university in this community, Lambda should be restricted from participating in any school activities, from requesting activity fees, and BANNED from meeting on campus whatsoever.

First off, Lambda, it's obvious you don't know what being prejudiced against is all about. Let me share a little with you. I am African-American. I am proud of this, I thank God for making me a black man, and I believe I can accomplish anything I wish in this world, no matter what obstacle is placed in my path.

Why? Because for almost four hundred years, such a mentality was unheard of by African-Americans. Our ancestors were routinely beaten down, enslaved and even when the bonds of physical slavery were unshackled, the emotional bonds were not. Just as quickly as Lincoln emancipated us, Jim Crow re-enslaved us. Our women were violated, the men lynched, beaten, families were terrorized... and this was AFTER the Civil War. This is generation after generation, family after family. It didn't matter what our religion or lifestyle was; we were mistreated simply because we were black. America felt that was justification enough. That's discrimination, Lambda.

To infer that President Walker in some way doesn't feel sympathetic to your situation, I say this: maybe you're not sympathetic to his understanding of this issue. As an African-American, I'm sure he has had to face aspects of discrimination you could only imagine in your worst nightmares. It's not even necessary to look back to Civil War days. There was a time when African-Americans could not even set foot on this campus, let alone rise to become president of it. For many years, MTSU didn't even have full-time African-American faculty. And to live in Rutherford County? Well, you can probably count the number of minorities living in Bell Buckle, Eagleville and Smyrna on one hand.

I would never EVER suggest that discrimination against gays is acceptable. What happened to Matthew Sheppard, Bill Gaither in Alabama, and Stonehedge, where some gays were killed in the late 60s was horrid! No Christian — no sane person — would tell you otherwise. But in our efforts to become more sensitive to a more and more diversified populace, one thing is becoming clear: it's impossible to cater to everyone. Should people of religious backgrounds that worship the sacred nature of cows have their own dining facility so they don't have to watch me eat a cheeseburger? Should the vegetarians start a revolt because there aren't more dining facilities that serve no meat? What about those of us who would prefer to attend class completely nude? Should they receive a tuition fee credit because they have to wear clothing?

If you really want to work on eradicating discrimination on campus, here are some issues which

deserve attention. We have way too few disabled teachers on campus per student. We need to possibly look at having beacons of some kind which would work in conjunction with other services to help them get to classes quicker. (My sister Avis is blind.) There isn't enough interaction between different groups of different ethnicities, races and religions. But to say the university should start putting what people do in their bedroom on par with centuries of oppression — well, that goes too far.

When are gay Americans gonna start fighting for their rights without dragging African-Americans, women and the disabled into their battles? Dr. King was a brilliant man, a dedicated man and a religious man. He gave his life for a cause, that one day people of all races and all religions would learn to live in harmony. And I'm sure, without a doubt, he would never suggest that any aspect of the discrimination of gays would be acceptable. But I am 100 percent positive that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would turn over in his grave if he knew how his message was being cheapened by gays.

Do you all not have a single leader respectable enough that you can leave our beloved heroes. We African-Americans don't have enough positive, strong heroes for our young to admire. Stop trying to sully the reputations of those we do have!

Here's the gist of this: Lambda, no one on this university cares what you do in private. You have the right, as does anyone else, to congregate unmolested. You have access to student activity fees like everyone else, and you are free to pretty much do as you feel.

How are you discriminated against?

However, threatening the president of the university to give in to your demands in clearly not the answer. Nor is attempting to embarrass our university with your "demonstration." Lets face it: you are not discriminated against. And, if you were, there are measures in place to insure that anyone who did mistreat you would be punished. You have been assured by the president, the administration and all pertinent policy-makers of this. You have no other issue to discuss. DROP IT!!!

Note: How many people were embarrassed by Lambda's entry in last year's homecoming parade? It was tacky, wasn't it? It was bad enough that every other organization BUT Lambda had a banner with their name on it. Did they? NOOOO. Theirs read "Lambda — Gay and lesbian."

(I couldn't make out the rest. But to top it all off: Lezzie, the wonderhorse? And the dancing fairies, or whatever they were supposed to be?) No, that went too far. I brought my three-year-old to this event, because it was supposed to be a community event and not some kind of political spectacle. As a result, many other parents also were pulling their young children to them. However, I can assure you that no such spectacle will occur this year. We will do everything within our power to insure some appropriate standards are maintained this year and any questionable attempts by Lambda to spoil our homecoming this year will be thwarted early by yours truly, with the additional support of several campus organizations committed to being BLUE RAIDER PROUD!!!!

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# Foreign expansion

*Foreign Language Department deals with limited lab space: Media Center for Language Acquisition tries to keep up*

**Carrie Duke**  
Special to Sidelines

The global marketplace is becoming increasingly important in the business community.

Many professional journals say the best asset you can take into the job market is a second – and possibly a third – language. The department of foreign languages and literature is trying to provide students with that edge but is limited by availability of space and resources.

The problem? The Media Center for Language Acquisition (MCLA), where students watch required videos and listen to audiocassettes for their foreign language classes, has not been able to keep up with the growing student patronage. There are 1,380 students enrolled in foreign language classes. Ninety-one of those are foreign language majors.

Lab assistants have been asked to keep a count of the approximate number of students that visit the lab. They've found that on average day the MCLA serves 400 students.

"We frequently have waiting lists for the videos and viewing stations during peak times," said lab assistant Jerome Allen, a senior international relations major. "There is also a lack of computer space."

Lab assistant Donna Odom, a senior in biology, agrees.

"The students get frustrated because they're on fixed schedules,"

Odom said. "They usually rush in between classes, but we can't accommodate all of them."

The MCLA is located on the third floor of the Boutwell Dramatic Arts building. It houses seven independent video viewing stations, 18 computers and 34 study areas.

This is hardly expansive enough to accommodate the numerous French, German, Japanese, Latin and Russian classes it is serving. MCLA is also where students enrolled in medical vocabulary, a humanities class, take their computer-administered tests.

So, who takes care of this busy place? Dr. Patrice Caux, professor of French and MCLA director, keeps things in order.

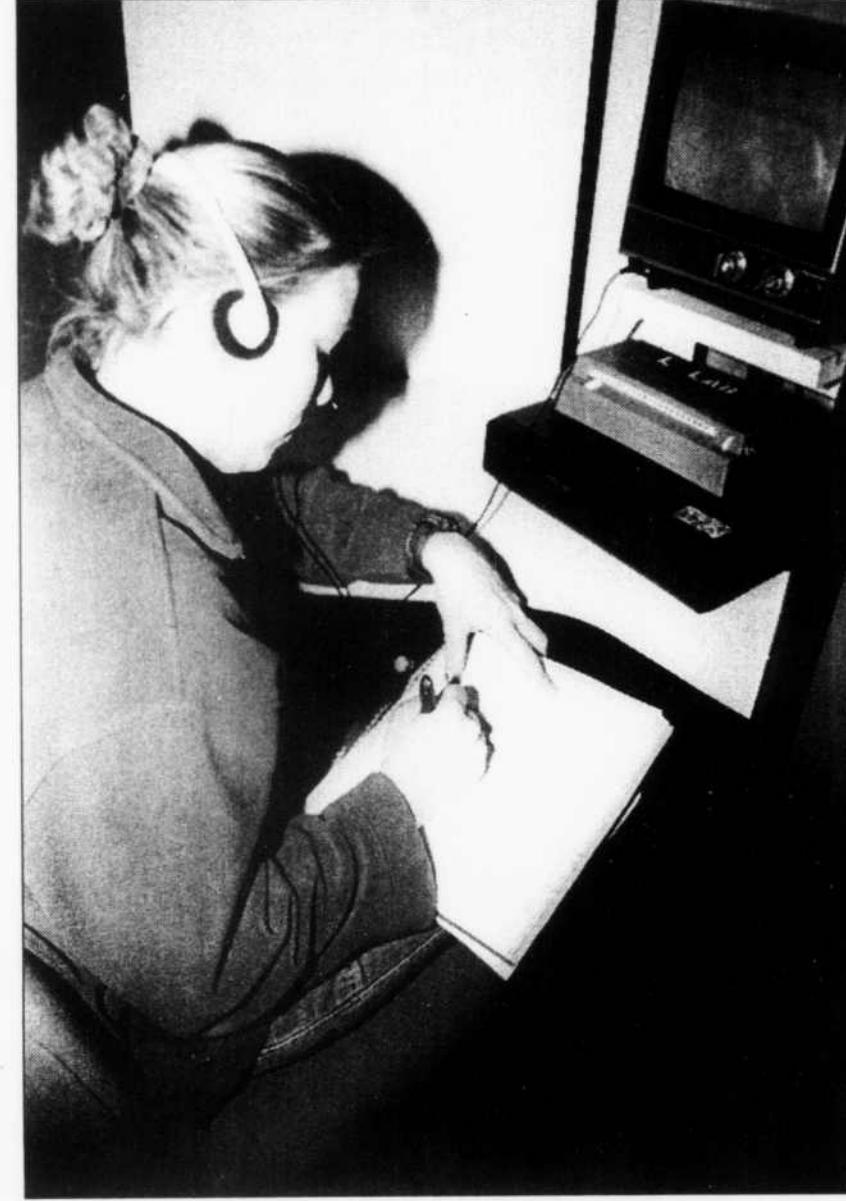
"When I got here in 1994," Caux said, "there were four computers that weren't hooked up and the media (usage) was logged in and out on paper (as opposed to computer)."

Caux said the MCLA was opened in 1972 and updated in 1978. MCLA moved to its present location in 1987.

The present MCLA is nothing like its original design.

"The lab was originally an instructional lab," Caux said. "There were a couple of TVs and VCRs but it did not have the extensive range of media it houses today."

In the lab, students may watch language-immersion videos or news from around the globe, type papers, surf the Internet, check email or use one of the many foreign language



Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

Misty Douglas, freshman business major, watches a video in the Learning Resource Center.

computer programs.

Students may be serving MCLA lab time in a different location some day, because Caux is doubtful that it can be expanded in its present location to better meet the students' needs.

"The only hope the (MCLA) lab has for expansion is the Todd Library. We submitted an expansion proposal and request for space in Todd Library," he said, "but, there is no other discussion of expanding the present lab location. We've reached our ceiling." ■

# Looking for a job? We've got the tips

**Becky Curtis**  
Staff Reporter

So you're about to get a degree. But what do you do with it? The MTSU Placement Center provides resources for students looking for jobs, including mock interviews and resume referral.

"The job market is good, but there is a lot of competition," said Janice Bowling of the Placement Center. The average graduating senior needs two to three months to find a job.

"A select few are really prepared for a job search, but a lot of the students seem apathetic," Bowling said. "Students don't think about taking time to research a company to see if it is the right type of

workplace for them. Some smaller to mid-sized companies might have better chances for advancement than the larger companies."

The Placement Center can also update students on the recent trends in the job market. Students should include their email addresses on their resume, and they can consider mailing their cover letter with the resume as an attachment.

"It's becoming more and more prevalent for employers to contact prospective employees via email," Bowling said.

Bowling said that foreign language and web design skills are becoming widely sought after by employers.

Technical fields such as engineering and

computer science still get top pay over liberal-arts skills, but Bowling said that students with more experience usually get better-paying jobs.

"Employers are looking for phrases in a resume that tell if a person has skills," Bowling said.

Students short on work experience can list relevant school courses which gives employers knowledge about their academic background.

"It's not always necessary to limit a resume to one page," Bowling said. "Using two pages is better than leaving off valuable information, but remember to put your name on the second page."

References should be a mix of employers and professors. ■

"But no personal references; keep it on a professional level," Bowling said.

To students just beginning their job searches, Bowling recommends careful wording of work experience on a resume.

"Make sure it accurately describes to an employer what you are capable of doing or have done," Bowling said. "Also, start contacting individuals to be references, and be very careful to avoid misspelled words on a resume."

Bowling said that increased use of the Internet might be providing students better employment leads. The Placement Center's online newsletter, which can be linked from the university's home page, is linked to several job search website such as [www.careerpath.com](http://www.careerpath.com) and [www.jobtrak.com](http://www.jobtrak.com). ■



Jesse Camp chats with a few fans while they wait in line. Some wannabe VJs waited for more than 20 hours for a chance to be on MTV. Photo provided

# Hopeful VJs line up for their shot at MTV stardom

**Christine Tatum**  
College Press Exchange

CHICAGO - Poor, pierced and tired masses, sporting everything from crewcuts and purple dreads to feather boas and rhinestone-studded flip-flops, traveled from miles around to sit in Chicago's winds and rain, yearning for a chance - just a chance - to add one more precious line to their resumes:

"MTV VJ."

Whether it would land them prestigious clerkships in law firms, internships in world renowned labs or spots in competitive graduate programs didn't seem to matter. These folks, huddled under bedspreads and blankets, with the wind whipping through their nose and tummy rings, said they were bound and determined to answer an even higher calling.

"We want to introduce bands, let people in on what's happening in music and help them understand it all," said Jeremy Weaver, a 24-year-old steel processor who drove eight hours from his home in Appletree.

Ohio, so that he could wait in line for another 14 hours to take a crack at a gig on primetime TV. "This is bigger than life. It's a dream come true. This is awesome."

And he was still almost a city block away from the station's makeshift auditioning studio.

MTV's "Wanna Be A VJ Too" contest is wrapping up this week. The station, broadcast to more than 71.1 million cable television subscribers, is letting viewers vote for its newest on-air personality Saturday (April 17). A total of more than 5,000 people descended upon Chicago, Los Angeles and New York to audition. Two finalists were chosen from the Windy City, two from L.A. and eight selected from the Big Apple.

Tony Astran, 19, didn't think he'd actually be among them (he was right), but he skipped classes at Loyola University in Chicago with high hopes anyway. Wearing a baseball cap, a plaid, flannel shirt and jeans, he looked far more conservative than the rest of the hip and hyped crowd around him. Astran

said he didn't think he needed a gimmick - like the guy who touted himself as the "Unknown VJ" and refused to take off the black mask that covered his face during the audition. Astran figured his application would speak for itself.

"I answered all the questions [on the application] honestly," he said. "I tried to think not of myself now, but as my whole self and who I was when I was growing up. Music is a part of life and emotions. I was honest - which is all I can give MTV."

And just what did Music Television want to know about its VJ wannabes? Each application was submitted with a Polaroid photo attached and questions such as: How did you get yourself to the interview? ("I drove this rented car from Kansas that I don't know how I'm going to pay for if I don't get this job," wrote one young woman who declined to give her name.) What is the CD or singer you're most embarrassed to own and like? (Milli Vanilli appeared to be a secret fave.) And what song do you listen to when you and your significant other feel naughty?

(Ahem. Best not to go there.)

Applicants were told they had to be at least 18 and not look older than 28. That little rule set Kim Saber on edge.

"OK, so I'm 28," she said. "But I'm here because I just had to try. I see the VJs they've got now, and I think I could do a hell of a lot better than that."

She couldn't possibly have been talking about the winner of last year's contest, Jesse Camp, a sinewy, wild-haired musician who loafed around the Chicago auditions wearing skin-tight, red leather pants and a jacket stuffed with lollipops, paperclips, an assortment of pins and charms.

"Man, whoever wins this is in for a crazy ride," Camp said. "Winning is a great experience. I've been the luckiest kid in the world because I've gotten to spread my ashes and plant seeds everywhere."

And what does he want to do after his "beautiful trip" ends?

"I mean to go to college and shit," he said, twirling a strand of his spiked, brown hair. "I'll be around." ■



## Barrymore and Arquette make dynamic duo in 'Never Been Kissed'

would whole-heartedly jump on the "hate all teen movies" bandwagon if some of them weren't so darn funny.

Theoretically, the critic in me

loathes their trite storylines, their model-perfect characters (usually played by actors in their 20s), and their big beat soundtracks meant to deflect attention away from flat dramatic moments. When these movies work, like when "The Faculty" successfully embodies '50s drive-in science fiction or when "The Wedding Singer" avoids counterfeiting and successfully channels cheesy '80s teen cinema, they break the mold and defy description.

When these movies fail, like

when "She's All That" and "Simply Irresistible" rightly predict that today's youth will gladly part with their parents' money for a two-hour glimpse at some pretty faces, they further soil the teen film genre.

"Never Been Kissed," Raja Gosnell's entry into this hugely profitable field, lands somewhere between the two extremes. It is not, by any stretch of the imagination, a great movie. Nevertheless, it is surprisingly enjoyable.

"Never Been Kissed" tells the

story of Josie Gellar (Drew Barrymore), a copy writer for the Chicago Sun-Times (I held my breath for a Roger Ebert cameo — alas, there wasn't one). Josie dreams of becoming a full-fledged reporter and finally gets her shot

when the paper's owner (Garry Marshall) tells her to go undercover at a local high school for a features piece.

Not only is Josie excited about

her first real reporting gig, but she also dreams of making up for her own high school years. She was a nerd tormented by the popular kids and humiliated by the class hunk, a guy she had a crush on. Things don't go so well; Josie can't seem to shed her geeky image, and she immediately fits in with the nerd group. Arriving to save the day is Josie's brother (David Arquette), who enrolls himself in school, rises to popularity, and turns her image around by praising her to the "cool" kids.

The rest of the film is fairly

predictable, and Gosnell seemingly recycles every teen film stereotype in the book. If it's been done, it's here. We see the usual ruthless teen queens (ruled by Rachel Blanchard), the androgynous heartthrob (Jeremy Jordan, looking like a "Velvet Goldmine" reject), the dreamy teacher (the bland Michael Vartan) who recites Shakespeare (of course), and a heartless boss incessantly barking orders (Marshall, in the type of role normally reserved for police chiefs in buddy cop pictures).

There's even an "ugly duckling"

rehash featuring the wasted talent of Leelee Sobieski ("A Soldier's Daughter Never Cries") as the leader of the nerds. There's also the

inevitable party scene and the prom night finale. And don't forget the tired formulas of friendship betrayal and "will they or won't they" romantic subplot.

Nearly every supporting note in

"Never Been Kissed" is a false one. There are, however, a few bright spots. Quirky character actor Sean Whalen (a veteran of TV commercials and probably best remembered as Roach in "The People Under the Stairs") offers a funny turn as Barrymore's assistant. His feng shui joke, one of the more intelligent moments in the film, is practically buried by other dialogue. Molly Shannon ("Saturday Night Live") is arguably our generation's Carol Burnett, and she does a fine job as Barrymore's best friend.

What ultimately keeps "Never

Been Kissed" afloat and consistently entertaining, is the undeniable charisma of Ms.

Barrymore and, to a lesser extent, the idiosyncratic stylings of hipster doofus Arquette. Together, they maintain a brisk pace for the film. Arquette attends to some of the movie's most inspired moments, his "aw shucks" innocence firmly attached. The prom's theme is "Famous Couples Throughout History," and, with his Rebecca DeMornay-like date, he arrives in his underwear as Tom Cruise in "Risky Business."

Barrymore energizes nearly all

of her scenes with remarkable wit

"The Movie Guy"



Jared Wilson  
Staff Reporter

and timing, even pulling off some of the lamer slapstick sequences. The nightclub scene, in which a "chemically liberated" Josie hops a stage and erupts into her own hilarious impromptu dance performance, evokes deserved laughs.

Barrymore flat-out proves why she's to be preferred over every Jennifer-Love-Buffy-What's-Her-Name in countless cookie-cutter teen soap operas. Given her questionable proficiency in straight drama, she ought to stick to these kind of roles. In "Never Been Kissed" she establishes herself as a formidable comic talent, one sorely missed by modern audiences. Could she be the heir-apparent to Meg Ryan's throne? Doubtful, but one can only hope. ■

My grade: C+

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## Sanford has last hurdle to leap

**Josh Ezzell**  
Staff Reporter

Sulecio Sanford tries not to worry about the draft.

The NFL draft will be in New York City on Saturday. Players such as Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, quarterbacks Tim Couch and Akili Smith and linebacker Chris Claiborne will definitely be picked in the first round. Others, such as MTSU wide receiver Sanford, are on the bubble.

Sanford led the Blue Raiders in receiving last year with 54 catches for 675 yards and seven touchdowns. He also shined on special teams, leading the Raiders with 385 return yards on fifteen opportunities. His longest return went 99 for a touchdown against Illinois.

Sanford is big, has good speed and great hands. These qualities have attracted 14 teams. He has worked

out for 10.

Although talented, NFL Draft experts, such as Mel Kiper Jr., do not believe that Sanford will be selected.

Regardless, Sanford remains optimistic.

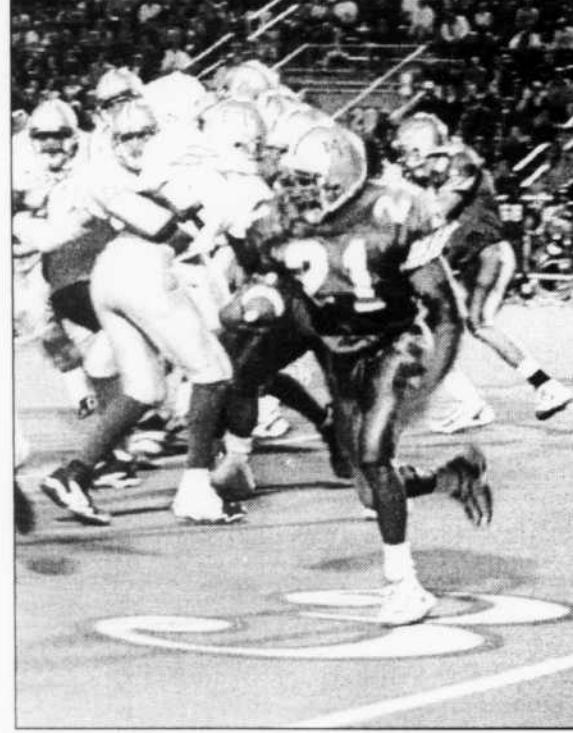
"Right now I have a 50-50 chance of being picked," Sanford said. "Even if I am not selected, I will get to try out for some teams."

In two days, Sanford will know if he will enter training camp as a draftee or a free agent.

In the meantime, Sanford tries to keep his mind off of it.

"I try not to think about it," Sanford said. "I know that I will be invited to training camp, so it is not a big deal." ■

Former Blue Raider standout Sulecio Sanford #21 expects to be drafted in the 1999 NFL draft between the 5th and 7th round.



Staff photo by Derrick Wilson

**Michael Barrett**  
Staff Reporter

## NFL Draft: It's the Tim Couch sweepstakes

A select group of college football players will wait anxiously Saturday to see if their name is called and the dream of playing in the NFL is about to come true.

The 1999 NFL Draft is this Saturday and the NFL teams are ready to begin building for their run at the Super Bowl. Fans will also get to see who their favorite team selects and where their favorite college players go. The draft will also put an end to the question of "Who will be the #1 draft pick?"

This year's group of athletes is loaded with talented quarterbacks. There has not been a draft this stock full of quarterbacks since the 1983 draft when future hall of famers Jim Kelly, John Elway and Dan Marino were selected. This is good news for several teams, including the teams with the first three picks, who are in need of a great signal caller.

Also available is Heisman Trophy winner and the NCAA's all-time rushing leader, Ricky Williams. Many draft experts have picked Williams to be the number one overall selection.

The expansion Cleveland Browns have the first pick in the draft. Yes, I did say Cleveland Browns. The city of Cleveland was awarded the expansion team after the original Browns team moved to Baltimore two years ago.

The Browns are like most teams in need of a quarterback. They are deciding on whether to take Kentucky's Tim Couch or Oregon's Akili Smith. Couch has been picked as a top five selection since December, but Smith has moved up the draft board thanks to his great showing in spring workouts and scouting

camps. If the Browns decide that they will go with Ty Detmer, who they acquired from San Francisco in the off-season, then they should make Ricky Williams their selection.

Other quarterbacks available are Syracuse's Donovan McNabb, UCLA's Cabe McElroy, Tulane's Shaun King and Central Florida's Daunte Culpepper.

McNabb is very much like current Minnesota Vikings' quarterback Randall Cunningham or Titans QB Steve McNair. Look for him to either go to the Bengals who have the number-three pick or to Chicago in the seven slot.

If Cleveland decides on Tim Couch, then Akili Smith of Oregon could be the next QB taken. He is very mobile and has a cannon of an arm. He should end up with either the Eagles at number-two or the Bengals, who pick third.

Cabe McElroy, Shaun King and Daunte Culpepper will all look to be selected in the first round, bringing the total to six quarterbacks selected, the most in over 10 years.

Not all teams are in need of a good QB. Some of them are looking to format their ground attack. Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams would be a great addition to any backfield. He is so talented that Saints Coach Mike Ditka has offered Cleveland all of the Saints draft picks this season and some of next years, just for the number-one spot so they can draft him.

If he does not go to Cleveland, then look for him to go number two to the Eagles or the Redskins at number five. Do not forget about New Orleans, though. Behind Williams is another talented running back in his own right,

Miami Hurricanes' Edgerrin James. Look for the St. Louis Rams to select him with the sixth overall selection.

The draft is also loaded with several talented defensive players as well.

Dick Butkus Award Winner, Chris Claiborne, a linebacker from USC, is projected as a top-five pick by many. The Colts have their eye on him. Indianapolis has the fourth overall selection.

The Tennessee Titans are looking to strengthen their front seven. They have the 16th overall pick and have their sights set on Ohio State Buckeyes' linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer. Another team looking for defensive help is the Washington Redskins. They want a replacement for the aging and soon-to-retire Darrell Green. They have the fifth pick and are leaning towards Georgia Bulldogs' cornerback Champ Bailey.

MTSU has two of their own in this year's draft. Wide receiver Sulecio Sanford and runningback Torin Kirtsey. Most experts have them listed, as they should get invited to an NFL camp or they will sign as a free agent. They may somehow slip into the later round of the draft once teams are looking for great overall athletes and they both are that.

And for all of you Tennessee Volunteer fans out there, look for Fiesta Bowl hero Peerless Price to go late in the first round, possibly to the Atlanta Falcons. Linebacker Al Wilson, fullback Shawn Bryson and kicker Jeff Hall will go somewhere in the middle to late rounds.

This year's draft is loaded with great talent. It should be one of the most exciting drafts in recent memory. ■

## Pass rusher priority for Titans' first official draft

**Teresa M. Walker**  
Associated Press

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** - The name has changed but the need remains the same as Tennessee prepares for its first draft as the Titans: a pass rusher.

The team concluded its era as the Oilers last year by tying for next to last in sacks with 30. The pass rush was so pitiful the franchise touted players' quarterback pressures instead of sacks.

Tennessee hasn't had a pass rusher reach double-digit sacks since Sean Jones' 13 in 1993, when the team still was in Houston.

When the NFL draft begins Saturday, the Titans must decide whether to stick with the 16th pick and go for a defensive end - perhaps Ebenezer Ekuban of North Carolina or Virginia's Patrick Kearney - or a defensive tackle, probably Anthony McFarland of LSU.

Or do they trade up for Florida linebacker Jevon Kearse?

General manager Floyd Reese isn't giving any clues but says he wants a player who can make an immediate impact.

"We've got to do something to get over that hump," Reese said. "That will be the objective - finding someone to help us get out of that and onto 10, 11, 12 wins."

The pressure is on coach Jeff Fisher and his staff to produce a winner after three straight 8-8 seasons. With a new 67,000-seat stadium opening this season and the debut of the new nickname and uniforms, owner Bud Adams wants the first winning record and playoff appearance since 1993.

Fisher shook up his staff during the offseason. Defensive line coach Rex Norris was fired in January, replaced by Jim Washburn. Defensive backs coach Greg Brown and special teams coach Russ Purnell also were let go.

There were personnel changes, too. Tackle Gary Walker, who had one sack and 13 pressures, signed with Jacksonville on the first day of free agency. End Anthony Cook (two sacks) left for Washington.

The Titans signed tackles Mike Jones and Jason Fisk, and Washburn's mission is to fully develop former No. 1 pick Kenny Holmes (10 sacks in his first two seasons) and the team's remaining young linemen.

Recent drafts have built depth in the secondary, offensive line and at wide receiver, even though last year's No. 1 pick, Kevin Dyson of Utah, didn't become the immediate starter the team wanted.

A willingness to trade draft picks is a hallmark of the franchise, which has traded its top pick seven times since 1979. The biggest deal didn't involve a first-round selection, however. In 1978, the Oilers swapped second- and third-round picks for Tampa Bay's top pick overall and grabbed

future Hall of Famer Earl Campbell.

The Oilers selected quarterback Jim Everett of Purdue with their first pick in 1986, hoping to convince him that Houston was as nice as the West Coast. When they couldn't, they traded him for two first-round picks from the Rams and used them to draft receiver Haywood Jeffires in 1987 and in a trade with the Raiders that brought them Jones.

Reese's biggest deal came in 1996 when he swapped a first round pick with Oakland for second- and fourth-round picks. He still landed Heisman Trophy winner Eddie George in the first round and used the picks from Oakland to draft Jason Layman and Jon Runyan, now starters on the offensive line.

"If you could do that every time out, you'd be pretty fortunate," Reese said. ■

## SEMO takes two from Lady Raiders

Staff Reports

The Lady Raiders softball team dropped an Ohio Valley Conference doubleheader to defending champion Southeast Missouri State at Lady Raider Field Monday. SEMO won the first game 2-1 and the nightcap 4-1.

The Lady Raiders (29-17, 10-2 OVC) had a good pitching effort from freshman Jennifer Martinez. She threw the first game, giving up only five hits through nine innings, while striking out nine and giving up no earned runs. Her record fell to 17-11 on the season and 6-1 in the OVC.

The bats of the Lady Raiders were also present at the OVC doubleheader. Junior Rachel Atkinson went 2 for 4 with one RBI for the Lady Raiders in game one. In the second contest, freshman Steffie Silva went 2 for 3, scoring the Lady Raiders' only run. ■

## He's got his own word: Ruthian

*George is gone, but the Babe still lives*

**Michael Edwards**  
Staff Reporter

Nine of the top 10 baseball sluggers of all time were announced by myself on behalf of "Sidelines" on Monday. Although this is one of the most prestigious awards that a baseball player can receive - the Sidelines "Sluggers of the Century Award" - it is upon my shoulders to pick the best.

Born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1895 this former Boston Brave belted 714 home runs en route to being the all-time homerun king from 1935 until 1974 when Hank Aaron rang up his 715th in Fulton County Stadium. George Herman Ruth is the winner of the Sidelines "Sluggers of the Century Award."

Ruth began his career with the Red Stockings where he played six seasons at Ebbets Field. Ruth never shined in "Beantown" as a slugger, but he began his illustrious career as a pitcher. That's right. The greatest hitter of all-time began his career as a pitcher. While with the Red Stockings, Ruth did his most pitching. That could attribute to the fact that he never really shined as a hitter. In 1915 Ruth recorded 217 innings and managed a 2.44 earned run average, while going 18-8 on the year. He followed that up with a 23-12 year in which he pitched in 323 innings, with an ERA of 1.75.

Ruth managed to record his career high in wins the following year when he won 24 games compared to 13 losses. Babe Ruth was traded to the New York Yankees two seasons later, in what would go down in history as one of the most bone-headed sports decisions in history. It ranks right up there with the 1984 NBA draft in which the Rockets and Blazers passed on Michael Jordan to take Sam Bowie and Akeem Olajuwon. It also equals the decision of the Detroit Pistons to claim Dennis Rodman.

Angered by the decision to move Ruth away from Boston, Ruth promptly belted 54 home runs and 137 RBIs for his inaugural season with the Yankees. At this time, the Yankees were not the Yankees that we know now. The next year, Ruth had a 59-homer year when he drove in 179 runs. Unfortunately, his pitching suffered when he recorded nine innings, nine walks, 14 hits and an ERA of 90. Ruth batted .378 in that year.

People that say Ruth never hit for average; well, you know not of what you speak. Ruth had a career average of .342. His slugging and on-base percentage were even higher. Ruth's career would take a turn for the worse when he became an alcoholic. The disease led Ruth's batting, pitching and personal life to go downhill. Ruth's average dipped below .300 for the first time in his career, and his RBI output dropped to a dismal 66.

However, that would all change when he and teammate Lou Gehrig battled each other in homers. Ruth won the battle and set the record that would stand for 34 years. His 60 homers and Gehrig's 47 would lead the "Murderers' Row" Yankees to the 1927 AL Pennant and eventually the World Series. That year Ruth hit .356 with 164 RBIs and a slugging percentage of .772. The RBI total was his second highest and just 26 short of Hack Wilson's record of 190 set 19 years earlier. Although Ruth never regained his dominance that he knew in '27, he did manage to smack 54 homers the next year and bat .323. Babe Ruth would run eight more years with the Yankees before being traded to the back to Boston, but to the Boston Braves, where he would serve as assistant manager and player until being released after only 28 games.

Babe Ruth is the greatest player to ever play the game of baseball. Before he became a great hitter, he was a tremendous pitcher. Whether he was on the mound, at the plate or in a club, Babe Ruth was always at his best. The kid from St. Joseph's school for boys was told he would never amount to anything at a young age. I guess he proved them wrong. Even though George Herman Ruth is dead, his memory still lives in the minds of all baseball fans, old and young, only as the Babe. ■

**The Hook-Up**

Commentary by Josh Ezzell/ Staff Reporter

# 'The Nature Boy' gets Stung, Big Poppa Pump gets banged by Kimberly

**O**h yeeeah!! It's time to unleash some madness and talk about the WCW with that lunatic Josh Ezzell. Oh yeeeah!

"Nitro" began with the Macho Man's former Wolfpack buddy, Sting, addressing Diamond Dallas Page. Apparently Sting had some stuff he wanted to get off his chest. First of all, Sting made it clear that he was back in black. Second of all, he was rather blunt about DDP.

He did not hide the fact that he was angry that DDP had the belt. After criticizing DDP, Sting called DDP out. Sting said DDP would accept the challenge, if he had "anything between his legs."

The Stinger was followed by a cruiser-weight title match between Rey Mysterio Jr. and Juventud Guerrera.

The belt didn't change hands in this match. Just when it seemed that Guerrera might win the match Raven and Saturn made their way to the ring. They helped Mysterio out, but he was unappreciative. He thanked Saturn by pushing and yelling at him.

Two tough men, Bam Bam Bigelow and Hugh Morris, faced off in the second match. After gaining the momentum, Morris went for the "No Laughing Matter." He missed and landed on a table. Bigelow took advantage and pinned Morris.

After this match, "Mean" Gene Okerlund interviewed the Heavyweight Champion, Diamond Dallas Page. He believed that Sting deserved a title shot, but he said he couldn't give him one on "Nitro."

The reason being he was already scheduled to fight "Big Poppa Pump" Scott Steiner.

After a commercial break, Flair made his way to the ring for an interview.

Apparently, "The Nature Boy" has adopted the "if I can't have it nobody will" attitude. If you're confused, I'll Hook You Up: Flair held the belt up, which means there was no champ. Let the "Madness" begin.

Oh Yeeeah!!! The Macho Man and Gorgeous George made their way to the ring with a letter from the commissioner, stating that DDP was the champ.

"The Nature Boy" tried to get revenge by doing two things: ripping up the letter; second, he refused to reinstate Randy Savage.

Flair and Savage weren't the only ones feuding. Savage's girl, Gorgeous George, attacked Flair's referee, Charles Robinson. After the squabble, both sides agreed to hook it up at Slamboree.

If Gorgeous George wins, Savage will be reinstated. If not, the "Madness" is over. Don't believe that the "Madness" ended here, because it was just beginning.

The Stinger returned, but this time he didn't want Page; he wanted Flair. Well, Flair didn't respond too kindly to this. So, needless to say, tempers flared. No pun intended.

Both men got in each other's face; man, they were hot. Sting finally issued the challenge, and "The Nature Boy" accepted.

Kevin Nash, another one of Sting's Wolfpack buddies, came to the ring, unexpectedly, during La Parka and El Dandy's match against The Master Blasters. The wrestlers refused to leave after "Big Sexy" asked them to; he responded by droppin' Power bombs on everybody.

"Big Sexy," like Sting, felt the need to call DDP out. He wants to exact revenge on the champ because of Hollywood's injury. DDP is probably figuring out that life at the

top is rough.

Another champ, Booker T, was victorious over Rick Steiner, thanks to Stevie Ray. Is a Harlem Heat reunion in the foreseeable future? Who knows?

Goldberg's domination continued on "Nitro" as he defeated Kenny Kaos. Goldberg dominated this so-called match, leaving Kaos flattened in the middle of the ring.

The match between the Stinger and "The Nature Boy" was a beauty. Early on Sting showed no signs of rust as he took it to Flair. By using shortcuts, Flair gained the momentum and went for the vaunted figure four.

Sting needed a miracle at this point, and he got it, in the form of the "Macho Man." Sting went off on the fourteen time champ after this and gained the pinfall.

After the match he put the Scorpion Death Lock on Arn Anderson, who slammed the mat in pain. In this case, "The Nature Boy" didn't style and profile, and he certainly wasn't the cock of the walk; Sting was. And now, for the main event.

In the main event, DDP butted heads with the "Genetic Freak" Scott Steiner. "Big Poppa Pump" finally gained the momentum in this back and forth match with a series of hard blows. DDP battled back, but Steiner was not done yet. While the champ was down, the "Genetic Freak" took off one of the turnbuckles. It backfired.

Steiner tried to recover, but Kimberly bashed Steiner in the head with a chair. DDP landed a diamond cutter on Steiner, applied a pin and the match was over.

Wanna know what happens next week? I've got two words for you: Read "Sidelines." ■

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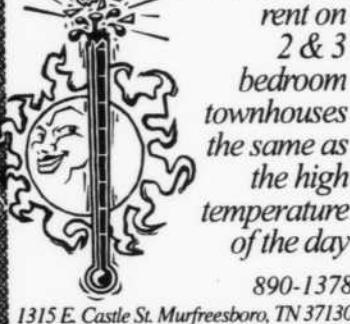
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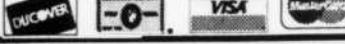
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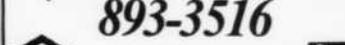
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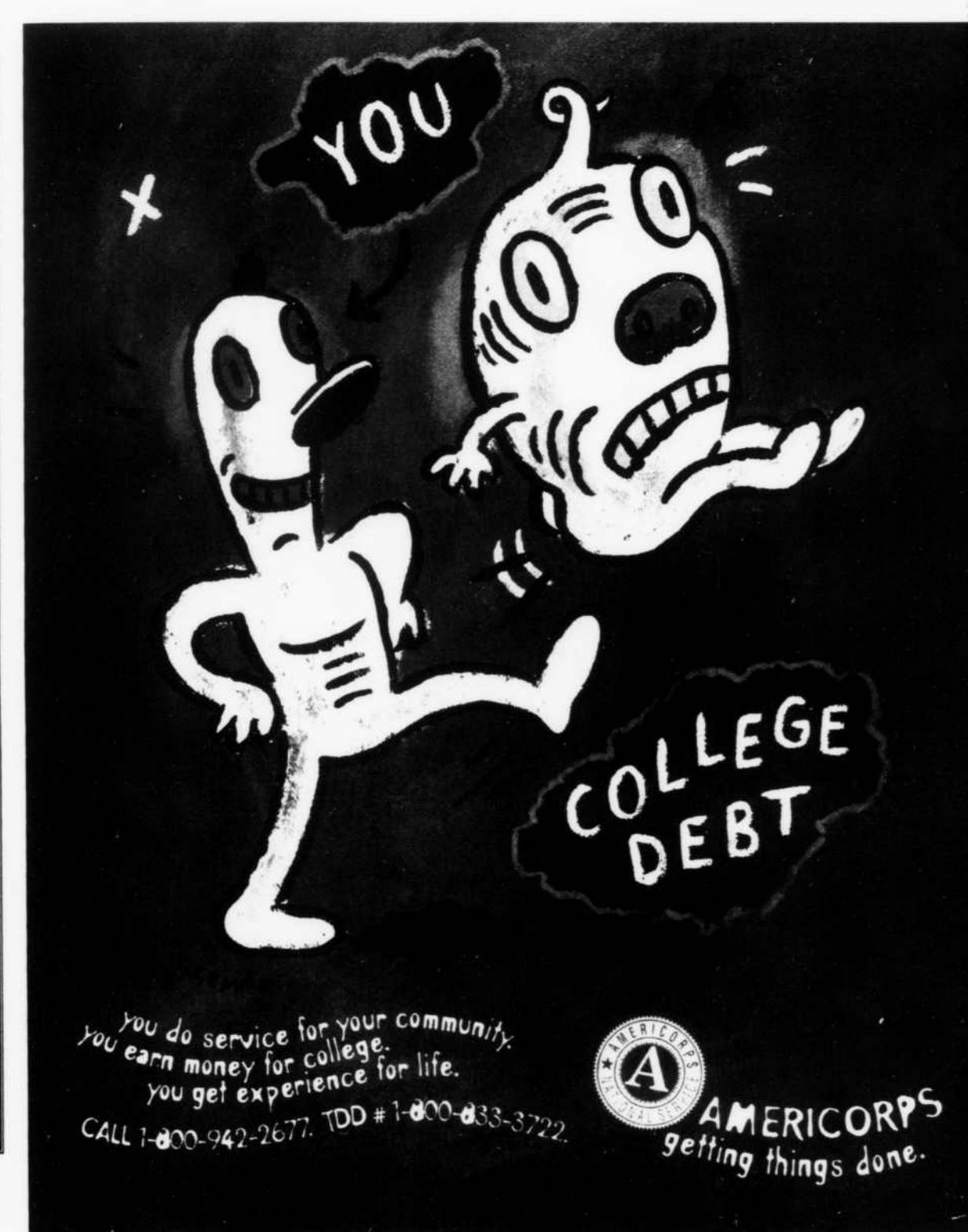
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# Appeals court rules for ex-Vanderbilt coach DiNardo in contract

CINCINNATI (AP) - A federal appeals court Wednesday threw out a lower court's ruling that former Vanderbilt University football coach Gerry DiNardo had to pay the school \$281,886 in damages for quitting to become Louisiana State's head coach.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected U.S. District Judge Robert Echols' June 1997 ruling that DiNardo had to pay the damages for resigning before his Vanderbilt contract had expired.

At issue is whether a two-year contract extension that Vanderbilt gave DiNardo in

August 1994 was valid and enforceable. That could affect the amount of damages that DiNardo may ultimately be required to pay Vanderbilt.

Appeals Judge John Gibson said it is unclear whether DiNardo's brother and attorney, Larry DiNardo, had to approve the contract extension before it became enforceable and whether Larry DiNardo's failure to object to the terms amounted to approval of the extension.

The case now goes back to Echols in Nashville, Tenn., to resolve those issues.

The original contract Gerry

DiNardo signed with Vanderbilt in December 1990 contains his agreement to reimburse the university if he left before his contract expired.

He resigned Dec. 12, 1994, to take the job at LSU where he remains.

DiNardo's lawyer, Thomas Piskorski of Chicago, said Wednesday that he had not seen the appellate court's ruling but was pleased with the outcome.

DiNardo is a former star player at Notre Dame. He was an assistant coach at Colorado before taking the Vanderbilt job. ■

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