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MTSU students at increased AIDS risk

Collage-agers lead nation in AIDS cases

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Staff writer

MTSU students take heed: The largest number of HIV-positive cases in this state are currently found in people between the ages of 20 and 29, according to state health officials.

Statistics from Tennessee's HIV Counseling and Testing Center show 617 HIV-positive cases were reported in the state from October 1990-October 1991. Of those cases, 275 of the people are between the ages of 20-29, followed by 243 cases in the 30-39 age group.

Health officials estimate that 10,000 Tennesseans will be HIV-positive by the end of this year and more than 1 million Americans are HIV-positive.

Bob Moore, infectious disease specialist with the Rutherford County Health Department, said there were 23 AIDS cases in this county last year, five more than in 1990.

The number of Tennesseans tested for HIV this year reached 20,000. Moore said about 10 percent of the people tested for HIV at the local health department are MTSU students.

And health officials encourage testing — particularly for those who believe they may be in at risk situations.

"I encourage students to get tested because it's free at any public health center," said Chris Freeman, director of counseling and testing for the state health department.

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is the virus that causes AIDS. The virus attacks and tests the immune system leaving the body unable to fight sickness and disease. The virus lives in blood, semen and vaginal secretion.

"If a person has sex with a HIV carrier, it takes six to 12 weeks before a test can detect anything, we call this the window

AIDS

THE REAL STORY

Part 1 of 3

This is the first of a three-part series focusing on AIDS as it relates to our campus and community. Today's stories deal with statistics for the college-age group and the MTSU area. Also, a local AIDS sufferer shares his story in our Features section.

period," said Eddy Smith, president of the Nashville chapter of the National Association of People with AIDS.

Once a person has contracted HIV, the incubation period for AIDS is between five to 10 years.

The most effective prevention against HIV is abstinence. Next is the use of a latex condom during sex. Drug users should not share needles.

Mid-Tenn. area tops in number of cases

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Middle Tennessee is the epicenter of the AIDS epidemic in the state, according to case reports from the Tennessee Department of Health AIDS Program.

Nashville and surrounding counties reported 534 AIDS cases, an increase at a rate of 14 percent, in the last three years. Davidson County itself had 434 full-blown AIDS cases followed by Rutherford among midstate counties with 23.

Rutherford County is the seventh largest county in the state in reported AIDS cases. AIDS in Rutherford County has increased by five this year, compared to 18 in 1990.

"We have a lot of positives from Murfreesboro area that come to Nashville for certain services," Chris Freeman, director of Counseling and Testing at the Tennessee AIDS

Program.

In 1982, Rutherford County reported its first case, followed by one in 1985, three in 1986, two in 1987, six in 1988 and three in 1989.

Although Shelby County reported the largest number of AIDS cases in the state with 461, Davidson County has more AIDS cases per 100,000 people than Memphis.

Tennessee's first case of AIDS was reported in 1982, nine years later, 1,747 people have been diagnosed with AIDS and 1,064 have died.

State Department of Health statistics breaks down AIDS in Tennessee by gender which shows 1,646 are men and 101 are women. From that breakdown 1,274 are white, 449 are black and 24 are other.

Through transmission of the virus, 1,226 are homosexual, 164 are IV drug users, 80 are heterosexual.

Transfer students choosing MTSU

SAM GANNON
News Editor

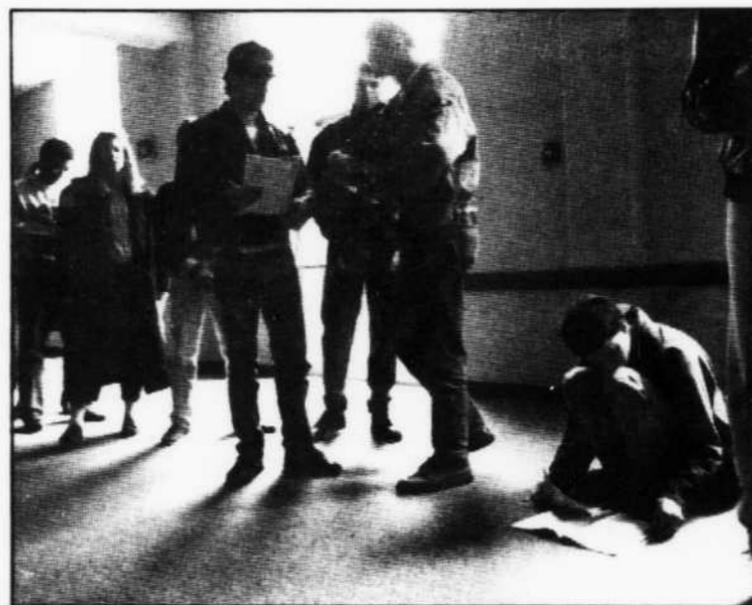
When students transfer from one university to another, findings from fall enrollment show that more students choose MTSU over other accredited state schools.

Of 2,174 students transferring to TBR universities in the fall of 1991, 812 or 37 percent transferred to MTSU. Of that figure, 628 students came to MTSU from two year institutions and 184 came from the other TBR universities.

"We have a long standing articulations, or courses that are easily transferable," said Cliff Gillespie, dean of admissions and records.

When one is at Motlow Community College and takes English 101 he can be sure that it is the same as

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Shelley Mays/Photographer

Tired of waiting? Cory Burcham, Liberal Arts major, rests while waiting in line for drop/add on Friday.

MTSU's largest spring enrollment

SAM GANNON
News Editor

More than 14,000 students had enrolled for spring semester by Friday afternoon, surpassing any spring enrollment figures the university has seen, the dean of admissions and records said.

But the increased number of students attending school this spring did not account for the long lines at Murphy Center, said Dean Cliff Gillespie.

"This is the largest spring enrollment we have ever had," Gillespie said.

As of noon Friday, MTSU had enrolled 14,200 students — about 600 more than in spring 1991, and registration continued through the remainder of the day.

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Campus Capsule

Commissioner to speak: New tax plan
David Manning, commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, will visit Rutherford County on

January 22 to discuss Governor Ned McWherter's 21st Century Schools program and the tax reform proposal to pay for it. The meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. at Central Middle School. The public is invited to

attend. "In order to put education first in Tennessee, we need to be sure that the men and women who run and fund our schools are fully informed about state legislators who will be meeting in special

session beginning January 14." **Quayle urges voters: Stick with his team**
WASHINGTON (AP)- Vice President Dan Quayle, flashing a thumbs-up about the president's health, set out for New Hampshire today to persuade voters to stick with the team now in the White House despite bleak economic times.

Quayle stuck with his New Hampshire travel plans after being notified that President Bush had fallen sick in Tokyo, suffering from what spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said was a case of the stomach flu.

After being informed of Bush's collapse at a state dinner by White House chief of staff Samuel Skinner, Quayle went briefly to the Executive Mansion before proceeding with his own schedule.

Quayle was notified "within minutes" of the president's illness, said his chief of staff, Bill Kristol.

Kristol said Quayle was in the vice presidential residence when notified of the president's illness and that no special

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Today
Underground 38 (WNAR), 7:00 p.m., studio behind WMOT, attendance is requested from all who are interested

Faculty Senate, 7:00 p.m., Faculty Senate Lounge

Auditions for Wesley Players production of "You Can't Take It With You," 7:30 p.m., Wesley Center, 893-0469 (also on Tuesday)

Tuesday, 14 January 1992
ARMS (Association of Recording Management Students), 7 p.m., COMM 104, general information meeting, all RIM majors are encouraged to attend

Friday, 17 January 1991
Blue Moves, MTSU Senior Dance Company, Tucker Theatre, 8 p.m., S3 or S2 with valid MTSU id

Other Campus Events
Student organizations applications for Activity Fee Funds, 126 KUC, deadline: Friday January 31, 4:30 p.m.

Midlander pictures, Wednesday Jan. 22 underclassmen in the KUC lounge, Thursday Jan. 23 in KUC 322, Monday and Tuesday (Jan. 27 and 28) group photos, 898-2815

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Deadline: Friday, January 31.

For further information contact Patricia Tenpenny at 898-5927

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illness and that no special arrangements or procedures were put into effect.

As he departed the White House, Quayle was asked by reporters how Bush was doing. "Fine," he replied, giving a thumbs-up sign.

Extra cheese and condoms, too

COLUMBIA, S.C. (CPS)- Forget extra cheese and pepperoni or two pizzas for the price of one- a pizza shop frequented by college students is offering free condoms to its customers.

The Village Idiot tavern, a hangout for University of South Carolina students, has held a condom giveaway and now features condom packages on the menu.

The message to students in the condom packages is, "Don't be an idiot." Owner Dominic Como said he started the promotion because of Magic Johnson's AIDS announcement.

Female reporter barred: Locker room BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (CPS)- Hot-tempered Coach Bobby Knight made news again in December when he barred a female reporter from men's basketball locker room. Indiana University officials said he was following school policy.

The incident occurred after Indiana played Notre Dame and Associated Press reporter Beth Harris tried to go into the dressing room for an interview. Harris said she's interviewed players there before.

But, according to the sports information office, the school policy does not permit reporters of the opposite sex in football and men's and women's basketball locker rooms. The policy stipulates that players will be made available for interviews outside the locker room when requested.

The NCAA encourages equal access to university locker rooms, but it leaves the final decision up to individual schools.

Baxter remembered

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Former SGA president Troy Lee Baxter died Jan. 2 at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Baxter, who graduated from MTSU in 1989 with a B.S. degree in criminal justice administration, is described by his colleagues as "successful and friendly."

Paul Cantrell, MTSU dean of students, described Baxter as "a soft-hearted person with a heart as big as a pot of gold. He was good to work with."

"He was broad-minded, understood many different perspectives, was people oriented, and offered enthusiasm as a leader that was very catching and contagious," Cantrell said.

"I feel a great loss, and I don't think the fraternity will get

over it for a long time. He has taught me and a lot of other people a lot of good lessons," said Pi Kappa Alpha president Mike Wagner, in an interview with *The Tennessean*.

Named as a Jaycees Outstanding Young Man of America while at MTSU, Baxter served during the 1985-86 school year as president of Pi Kappa Alpha and as president of SGA during the 1986-87 school year.

Baxter had also served as a field representative for U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon's local office.

Donations may be made to the Troy Baxter Memorial Fund in care of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, P.O. Box 554, MTSU, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37132.

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No concerts for MTSU yet

SAM GANNON
News Editor

Rumors abound about concerts scheduled for this semester featuring anyone from John Cougar Mellencamp to Guns 'N Roses to another Garth Brooks show, but no concerts have been placed on the the school's calendar yet.

"We have nothing scheduled as of yet," said Harold Smith, director of Student Programming.

"We're hoping to have some concerts, but right now we don't have any booked," Smith said.

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History of England course offers students chance to study abroad

Staff reports

The intersession course "History of England to 1783" will be different in 1992 than in years past. For one thing, it won't be taught here.

The 19-day survey of English history from Roman Britain to 1783 will be taught at the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, in England May 12-28 and will be taught by Newcastle faculty and MTSU's Dr. F.E. Beemon.

"This is the first time we're doing this," said Beemon, and assistant professor of history. "I've been working on this since last year."

Open to 15 students, the trip will cost approximately \$2,150 and includes fees, air fare, tuition, bed and breakfast and transportation to historic sites.

The idea for the course came from a comment from a British professor, Tony Badger, who spent time at MTSU working with the Gore papers. He suggested that there should be a relationship established between the two universities.

So, what do the students get in addition to a trip to England?

"We'll be able to talk about English history, then get in a coach and go look at it," Beemon said laughing. He added that other programs from American

University students at British universities take place after the British universities are closed, but this one takes place while classes are in session.

In addition to class discussions, there is time for students to go sight-seeing in either Edinburgh or London, which are two and three hours away respectively, from Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. There are two periods of between two-and-a-half and four days to "turn the students loose to do whatever they can do for or to England," he added.

For more information, on the course or fees, contact Beemon at 898-2627 or 896-2906.

Transfer

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English 111 at MTSU.

"Students can go to community colleges with confidence," Gillespie said.

MTSU does try to recruit students from community colleges, Gillespie said.

Nearly 16,000 students attended classes this fall and 6,297 of that number have transferred from other schools. The greatest number of transfer students — 565 — come from Motlow State Community college. Other schools comprising the five with the most students transferring to MTSU include

Volunteer State Community College with 442, Columbia State Community College with 405, UT Knoxville with 361 and Nashville State Technical Institute with 323.

"MTSU is ideally situated for students, in location, cost and curriculum," Gillespie said.

Officials at MTSU and other regional institutions meet regularly to further develop articulation agreements between the institutions. The goal of these meetings is to make it easier for students to move from school to school without losing credits and help hold down the cost of a college education.

Spring

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Gillespie said final enrollment figures will not be available until later this week.

Though the new computer registration and preregistration system have now been in place for a year, students found long lines and had to wait as much as five or more hours to complete

"That was our basic problem," Gillespie said.

Rather than mailing their fees in prior to Tuesday's deadline, more students showed up at Murphy Center to pay their fees in person than had been anticipated.

"About 2,000 more people showed up to pay their fees Tuesday than we had originally

Disney parks issue casting call for college musicians

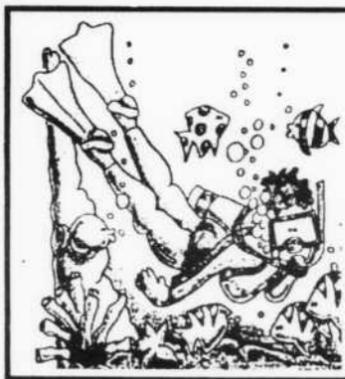
(CPS) Walt Disney Co. is inviting college musicians to audition nationwide for its summer 1992 Disney Entertainment Work Experience Program.

Disney will choose 102 undergraduates to perform in three bands. The program involves 11 weeks of

performances, career workshops and special sessions with guest artists at Disneyland in California, Walt Disney World or Epcot Center in Florida.

Benefits include a weekly stipend, a furnished apartment, and transportation to and from

work. The audition schedule begins Jan. 18 and ends Feb. 16 in major cities nationwide. For specific information about locations and times, call (407) 345-5701 in Florida or (800) 854-8671 outside Florida.



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Opinions

Consensus

'AIDS: The Real Story' giving the statistics a name and a face

We've heard it all before. Abstinence, Safe Sex, Don't Get It! In fact, the spread of AIDS in America has led to a new vocabulary of its own, much of it aimed at us — the college-aged adult.

Unfortunately, talk is not enough. Despite this bombardment of public service announcements, the message has still not hit home. The disease continues to infect and kill at an alarming rate, especially in the 20 to 29 age group. Are we deaf, dumb or just plain stupid?

In light of these developments, *Sidelines* is running a three-issue series on AIDS. Portions will emphasize the same aforementioned messages, but we realize that these alone are not getting the job done.

Therefore, we have tried to approach the issue from a different perspective. We have collected information on prevention, testing and awareness as it relates specifically to our campus and community. We have also conducted an exclusive interview with a local man infected with the AIDS virus who is willing to share his story.

We sincerely hope that students will accept the fact that AIDS is no longer an isolated problem — it affects us all. We believe that the forthcoming articles will be of particular interest to the students of this university and telling of the crisis this disease has created in our society.

Read, learn and respond. Lives — possibly yours — are depending on it.



Ignorance and the new resurgence of censorship

On October 28, a conservative radio host scheduled to appear at a "Pro-American Rally" hosted by students at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, was confronted by a mob of student protestors determined to prevent his talk. They succeeded. Armed with whistles and signs, the estimated one hundred protestors screamed, chanted, blew their whistles, and threw coins, ice and other objects at the guests. Fearing further violence, the speakers left.

Unfortunately, this was not an isolated incident. Unpopular speakers have been shouted down or chased from campus at more than a dozen top-flight schools during the past few years. In addition, over the last four years, conservative student newspapers have been stolen or destroyed at more than 15 of the nation's top 25 universities. These and other examples of campus intolerance have sparked a national debate over "political correctness" and have led *Time* magazine writer Nancy Gibbs to conclude that "nowhere is the First Amendment more imperiled than on college campuses."

How did things get this way? After all, less than a generation ago college students were demanding more freedom of speech. The simple answer is "ignorance." College students no longer understand the historical and philosophical basis of our constitutional protections. A 1989 survey conducted for the National Endowment for the Humanities reported that less than one-half of the 700 college seniors it surveyed could correctly identify the purpose of "The Federalist Papers," and more than one-third confused the words of Constitution of the Soviet Union with those of the American Constitution. As the NEH report noted, students' understanding of the Constitution is "superficial."

But instead of instituting a more rigorous program in the fundamentals of American political

ROBERT LUKEFAHR
PHAEDRA WALKER
Guest Columnists

philosophy, most colleges and universities have allowed the emasculation of their core requirements. Another NEH survey found that a full 78 percent of colleges and universities no longer require their students to take a course in the history of Western civilization, and a staggering 38 percent require no history at all. When this diluted college curriculum is coupled with the frightful ignorance of high school graduates, the results are a predictable failure to grasp or appreciate the basic protections offered by the Bill of Rights.

Thus, to someone like Canetta Ivy, of the Council of Student Presidents, it seemed completely reasonable to say to a reporter for *The New York Times* in 1989, "we don't put as many restrictions on freedom of speech as we should." Ms. Ivy, and those who share her views, are bolstered by their heartfelt desire to create a more amendable environment for minority students, and the ironic notion that "intolerance" can be eliminated by refusing to tolerate unpopular speech. But, as President Bush said at the University of Michigan in May, "What began as a crusade for civility has soured into a cause of conflict and even censorship."

If the students of this generation were at all familiar with history, they would know that censoring ideas, even in the name of sensitivity, only serves to make those who hold them more radical and more determined. But absent some understanding of political philosophy and history, young people find it difficult to argue forcefully for the abstract notion of freedom.

Beyond the considerable gaps in the formal
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Ignorance

continued from page 6 curriculum, the information pedagogy of example — how professors and administrators act when confronted by challenges to free speech — further undermines the generation's respect for civil liberties. Many colleges contribute to the campus intolerance — or at least ratify the attitudes which lead to the suppression of free speech — by adopting speech-restricting codes. According to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, such codes have been enforced or drafted on almost 70 percent of the nation's campuses. As Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz recently explained, American colleges are "tolerating and teaching intolerance and hypocrisy."

Another example of this repressive pedagogy at work was evident last month in the University of Wisconsin System. In a perverse affirmation of its commitment to "tolerance" over freedom, the state system is considering an appeal of the recent U.S. District Court decision which ruled UW's restrictive speech code unconstitutional. After the

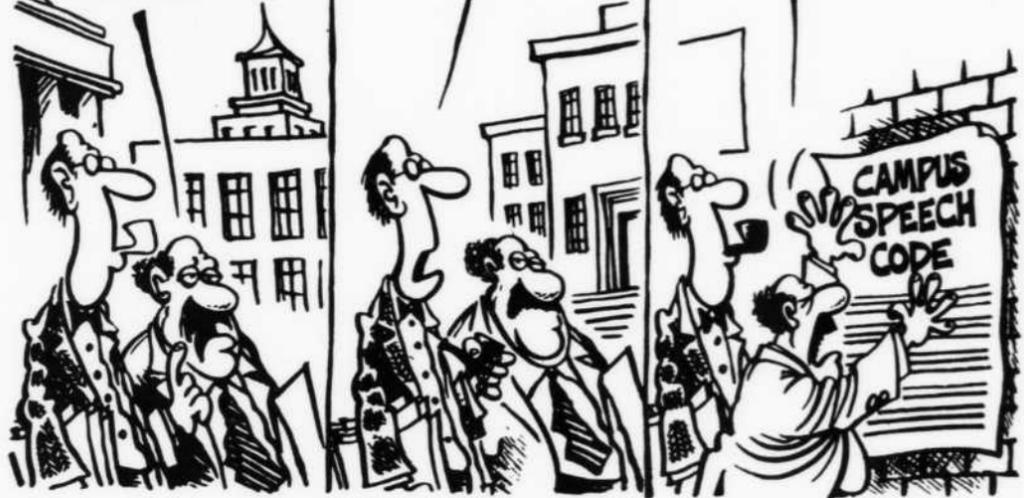
decision, James E. Sulton, special assistant to UW-system president, told the "Chronicle of Higher Education," "Everyone seems more concerned about the theoretical abridgement of First Amendment rights than about the real abridgement of rights based on racial harassment." Apparently, Mr. Sulton believes that violations of the First Amendment protections are not terribly "real."

The ignorance and misunderstanding being fostered in the twenty-something generation represents the greatest internal challenge to the nation's liberties since the American Tories aided the forces of King George. These students who would gladly circumscribe speech on campus today, will be the journalists, congressmen, and judges charged with defending this right in the next century. It is time the twenty-something generation take up the challenge John Adams issued in 1756: "Let us dare to read, think, speak, and write...let every sluice of knowledge by opened and set a-flowing." It is also time the nation's educators cast aside their own doubts about the American constitutional tradition and begin a program of remedial education in the basics of liberty.

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AIDS: THE REAL STORY

Editor's note: During the length of time it takes to get a college degree, you'll become more intelligent, make new friends and have some fun. What you might also get out of your college experience -- is AIDS. We're young and we tend to think we're insulated here against the outer world. But the truth is, the HIV virus is spreading rapidly in the 16-24 age group. Statistics reveal that MTSU could have two to three infected students per 1,000. But those are just numbers and numbers don't die; people do. In issues to come, Sidelines will bring you AIDS-related information on testing, high risk groups, prevention and attitudes, in both news and feature form. To begin our series, we've been fortunate enough to find someone courageous enough to talk about living with the disease, but more importantly, how to avoid the disease.

**AIDS
PART 1 OF 3**

An AIDS patient shares his story

There's a lovely old man with a Karl Malden nose who sits in a booth at the Church Street Centre parking garage. He takes your money, smiles from ear to ear and wishes you a safe ride home. I wish I knew his name.

There's a man in rural Marshall County who delivers pizzas. His jolly belly barely fits behind the wheel of his rusted green Toyota. Atop his balding head sits a silly paper hat. He's old and tired and he gets lost a

FERN GREENBANK Features Editor

lot. He's late and has to give the pizza away for free. I never ask his name.

There's a tall handsome man in Nashville with perfect pearly white teeth, a soothing voice and a smile that can set the world at ease. I do know his name. I call him Dan and he has AIDS.

People cross our paths in many ways every day. They

aren't stars; we may not know their names or their stories; but they still shine. The lives they touch are forever changed but the bigger world may never know the enormity of their contributions.

Dan has chosen to share his life as an AIDS victim with the bigger world, although he still isn't comfortable speaking without some degree of anonymity. His goal is to challenge the no-talk attitude about sexual behavior and he's succeeding.

The 33-year-old Ivy League-educated man is at a place in his life that we would never want to be. And if Dan has anything to say about it, we won't ever be there. Because Dan is talking — and talking loudly — about AIDS education.

To see Dan and to talk to Dan is to relate to Dan. He attended prep school and went on to receive a master's degree from an Ivy League college. He loved college and partied hard. He was engaged to be married. He studied in Europe. New York pulled him in and a successful career took him to the top. His parents were "loving, involved, engaged, concerned and caring."

Dan points out, however, that "sometimes no amount of parenting can make you love yourself." He says, "My problem was in my relationship with myself, not knowing how to fit in, not being like a lot of the other kids, or not thinking that I was."

When Dan reached college, it was easier to deal with his questions of sexuality, away from parental scrutiny. He feels confident that even if college-age students don't relate to the gay issues often associated with AIDS, chances are good that they will know someone who is gay, or someone who has struggled with the issue, or who exhibits high risk sexual behavior. He says that for some, college is the first time a young person has had

the space to experiment with sex, drugs and alcohol.

In fact, the link between high risk sexual behavior and the use of drugs and alcohol is one of the main issues Dan tries to bring to young people as he travels to surrounding counties speaking to organizations, agencies and schools.

Drugs and alcohol reportedly play a key role in the rising incidence of AIDS in the college-age group. The news documentary program "20/20" aired a segment in 1991 devoted to the subject of AIDS on college campuses. Dr. Richard Keeling, an AIDS task force chairman, revealed several factors which may be responsible for the spread of the HIV virus among college students.

Because the virus is believed to incubate for long periods of time, Dr. Keeling says students aren't looking for it, especially during a time when they're eager to experiment.

Keeling also says college is a time when we feel immortal or just embarrassed to have the necessary conversation with sexual partners about protection.

And finally, the lack of safe sex on campus is partly due to the presence of alcohol. It lowers inhibitions and "alcoholic sex is not safe sex," the doctor concluded.

As an AIDS victim recovering from drug abuse, Dan knows all too well the effects impaired judgment can have on your life. After graduate school and a short stint home in Tennessee, Dan moved to New York and found an environment full of complications and challenges — which ultimately included cocaine.

When Dan arrived in New York, he was aware of AIDS and protected himself accordingly. "Unfortunately, what I knew about protecting myself wasn't as important during my addiction as it had been before," admits Dan with an honest-mistake shoulder-shrugging gesture. But, he adds, he tested negative for the HIV virus after his self-confessed period of promiscuity. He felt fairly safe. But then drugs and alcohol came to visit.

"I lowered my guard and I was also vulnerable, as is anybody in the party mode," Dan remembers. "That's where the preventable infections are. It's in the whole mode of getting yourself impaired, getting yourself irresponsible for yourself and then just happening to have bad luck."

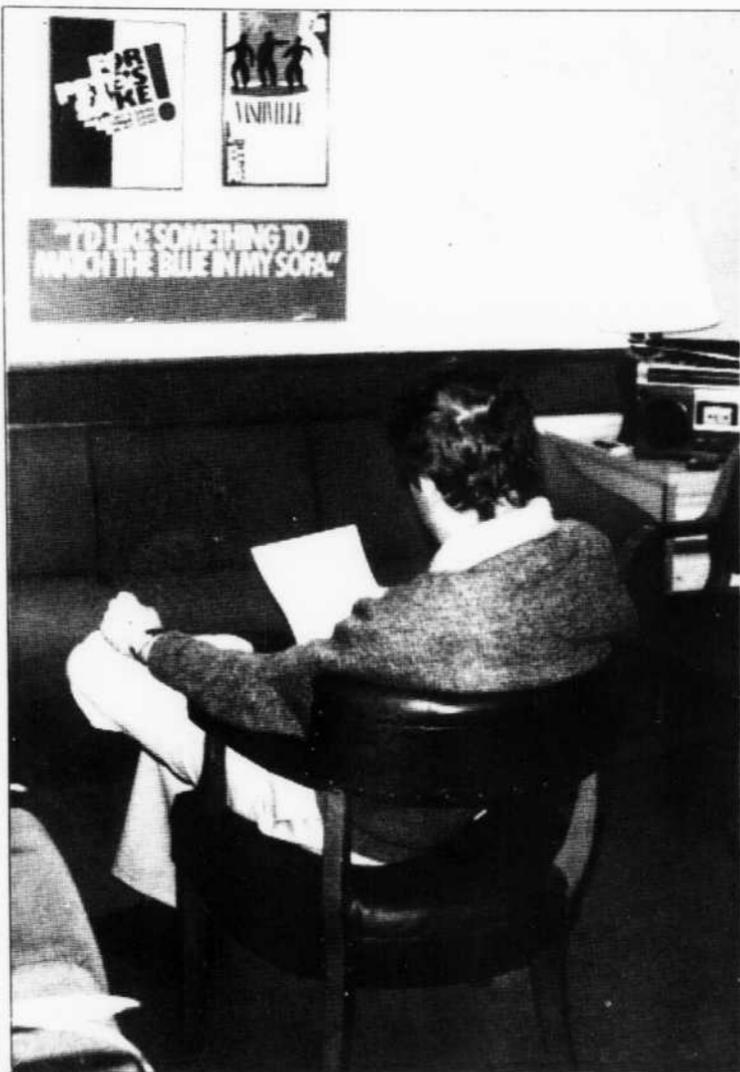
Emily Whitesell, a chemical dependency counselor for Maury Regional

Hospital in Columbia, points out that although abusing alcohol and having unprotected sex are often related, there is one big difference between the two activities.

"If you're lucky, you can hit bottom with the former and sometimes crawl back up before it's too late, but with unprotected sex," Whitesell notes, "the bottom could be a positive HIV test and there's no way as of yet to crawl back up from that situation."

Fortunately for Dan, he did crawl back up from bottom in terms of his addiction. He left New York after seven or eight years and managed to discard drugs and high risk sexual behavior from his life. Something to be proud of; but it

**'Alcoholic sex is not safe sex,'
Dr. Richard Keeling**



Fern Greenbank/Photographer

LIVING WITH AIDS: Dan, an AIDS patient, turns his back to the camera but faces his disease head-on.

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Not just for 'old folks' any more

Adult Center draws diverse crowd

FERN GREENBANK
Features Editor

Just why do we categorize students anyway? Traditional. Non-traditional. Minority. Handicapped. It's not to pit one group against another, but to better identify students' needs and meet them accordingly. So, having isolated a distinctive group of students, MTSU's Adult Service Center was established to meet the needs of the ever-increasing adult population.

The Adult Service Center held the first-ever open house for adult learners on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

Volunteer Coordinator Diane Bowden says she expected about 30 students and over 125 showed up.

The successful orientation attracted the attention of The Tennessean as well as public radio.

During orientation, students were familiarized with the campus and the services available to them. There was an unusual array of people from diverse backgrounds in attendance.

"People brought portable telephones, beepers and babies," says Bowden.

"We had a 19-year-old

mother of three and a 65-year-old man," Bowden reports. "Our center has changed from an age-based office to a needs-based office."

Returning adult student Talbert McMullin dropped by the office the next day and told Bowden, "I owe you. You've made me feel at home."

"McMullin says that when he told his 10-year-old stepson that he would be going back to school, he thought for several days that Daddy was going to be leaving and moving into the dorms.

A graduate of the University of Tennessee, McMullin reveals

that he now knows he "majored in the wrong thing." Many returning students are changing careers to meet the changing times. McMullin says that in the work force today, it's wise to remember that "whatever got you here doesn't necessarily keep you there."

Dr. Jeannette Heritage, a sponsor of the Adult Service Center, says, "We're seeing an increase in males returning to school now because even though they're fully capable of moving up where they are, young people with college degrees are passing

them by."

In the 70s, the majority of adult learners were women. Heritage reports that MTSU went principally female in majority faster than any other school in the system with the exception of community colleges.

More than 1,000 students were able to find assistance through the Adult Service Center last year. The program has moved remarkably fast — from survey to actuality in less than a year.

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was too late.

Somewhere in the period of time between a negative HIV test, partying and cleaning up, Dan contracted the AIDS virus. He never experienced the "limbo" period (knowing you're HIV positive but not yet diagnosed with full-blown AIDS).

Just as he courageously tackled drug addiction, Dan chose to deal with AIDS courageously. At the present time, there seems to be no way up and out of his present situation, so Dan got creative. He decided to move in another direction — forward.

Forward means talking. So, Dan talks to youth groups, schools, educators, social agencies and anyone concerned with the AIDS epidemic. His appearance challenges the notions we falsely hold about AIDS victims and it forces people to re-think their positions.

Although Dan has been diagnosed with full-blown AIDS and has suffered with pneumocystis pneumonia, brain lesions and near blindness, he doesn't look the least bit ill. He's extremely handsome, intelligent, articulate, funny, charming and committed to his goal. He captivates his audience. He works relentlessly on his attitude and it

shows.

"Moralizing isn't going to work," Dan admits. "My goal is to leave people with knowledge about what AIDS is and get them talking about it. That's half the battle. Right now it isn't being talked about because no one knows what to say."

In a voice that harbors no evidence of self-pity, Dan says, "If I focus on what I've lost, I lose more." He believes that "to think about dying would merely cheapen the living."

The HIV virus invades the body; gay, straight, black, white, young, old, rich and poor. There are so many unanswered questions about the virus and how it works. But Dan doesn't focus his attention on the virus; he focuses on helping people avoid the virus.

The virus may be mysterious but Dan's mission is clear — breaking the silence. He sends the message that silence can kill. Silence keeps us from admitting the problem exists; the denial means we don't protect ourselves properly; it keeps us from being tested and seeking treatment which ultimately spreads the disease.

But for an AIDS victim like Dan, silence harms an already damaged immune system. "When your body is vulnerable, what

goes on between your ears and in your heart is crucial. Talking is therapeutic and healing for me," confesses Dan.

During one of Dan's recent "therapeutic talks" to a group of teen-agers, a cynical young man asked, "Yeah, how am I supposed to get my friends to believe this is serious?"

"Just tell them you met me," Dan quietly answered.

The facts about sex, drugs and alcohol

There are several reasons to be concerned about drugs and alcohol even though they are not considered a direct cause of sexually transmitted diseases. Playing safe takes some planning. Drugs and alcohol can impair your judgment and reduce your ability to make wise decisions.

Research shows that alcohol, marijuana, amphetamines (speed), and amyl nitrate (poppers) may damage the immune system, leaving you open to diseases that you might otherwise be able to fight off. Research also suggests that these drugs may leave you more susceptible to the AIDS and hepatitis-B viruses.

Medications are available to treat gonorrhea, sypylilis, and chlamydia. Your immune system is the only means you have for fighting off AIDS and hepatitis-B, so it makes sense to avoid doing things that impair your ability to overcome infection.

"If I focus on what I've lost, I lose more."

AIDS patient



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Adults

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Center has gained strong support from administrators and faculty. Although the Center is presently "zero-budget," an evening school coordinator is in the works.

Bowden notes that some schools already register adults through an adult service center and perhaps in the future MTSU will be in a position to offer this service.

The Center deals with a variety of requests, the majority of which are geared toward saving time. Many returning students simply aren't able to spend the time on campus that it takes to find answers to relatively routine questions.

A student can call the Adult Service Center, ask questions, and the volunteer worker will rack down the answer. This process saves an enormous amount of time for students. While it may take Bowden all day and many phone calls to get the information you need, an

adult student only has to make one call to her.

The definition of adult learner (formerly known as non-traditional students) used to include anyone over the age of 25. That definition has been altered. An adult learner is now considered to be anyone over the age of 23 or someone who has been out of school for at least two years.

Bowden and Heritage agree that adult learners and traditional students are beginning to find a balance — Older students provide much needed reality-based insight and younger students offer enthusiasm and a care-free attitude that older students envy.

A quotation hangs framed on the wall in the Center which reads: "Defining 'adult learner' is tough; there are so many kinds of people who qualify. Still, for all our differences, we have some traits in common."

So it would seem, we may all have different needs, but we're all here to learn, not only from books but from each other.

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Sports

MTSU avoids ambush, scalps Indians 61-58

Taylor heats up, SEMO held down

DAN STURM
Sports Writer

With the MTSU Blue Raiders struggling throughout the game, the Big Blue needed a offensive push Saturday night to hold back a pesky Southeast Missouri squad.

They got that much needed spark when Robert "Cat Eye" Taylor came off the bench to spark the Raider cagers to a 61-58 victory over the OVC newcomer in the Raider's conference home opener.

The Raiders led by only one point at the half, 25-24. But Taylor, who continues to struggle with back and knee problems, scored 13 points on a variety of short jumpshots to increase the advantage by 10, 42-32, with 12:22 remaining in the contest.

"We were struggling offensively and I knew I had to put down some shots, Taylor said. "My knee still hurts, but you have to gut it out in the OVC games."

However, despite the solid lead, SEMO's Indians refused to surrender, knifing the Raider lead

to six with 11:35 remaining on a steal and lay-up by Indian's junior forward Tony Wofford.

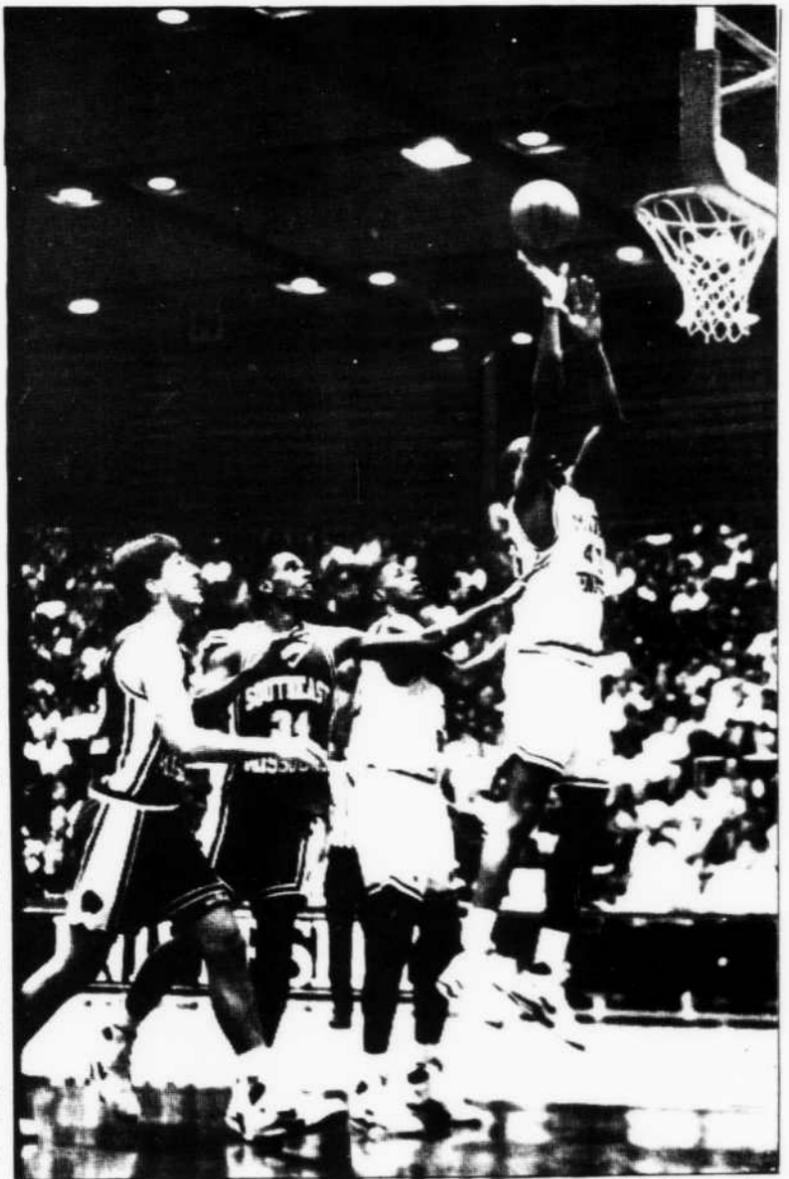
The Raider's increased their advantage to 15, 52-37, with six minutes to play only to have the Indian's come charging back to cut the Raider advantage to four with just under two minutes remaining.

At that point, it appeared as if the Raiders might fall apart as Taylor and several other Raider players threw up some ill-advised shots giving SEMO a shot at the victory.

"We didn't play well offensively," Taylor said after the game. "Coach wanted us to run the clock, and I threw up a bad shot that could have cost us the game."

With nine seconds left, a SEMO trey closed the gap to a single point and a quick foul sent Raider guard Raymond Davis to the line for a one-and-one free throw opportunity with 4.9 seconds remaining.

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Dane Herndon/Photographer

OPEN AND UP: MTSU center Warren Kidd scores a bucket on a wide open shot. Kidd needs to be on top of his game when Middle hosts Austin Peay tonight.



Dane Herndon/Photographer

TOWER OF POWER: MTSU Lady Raider Priscilla Robinson goes up for a shot during Saturday's win.

Explosive Lady Raiders send SEMO into tailspin

Cox, Bonner and Robinson ignite sparks in key win

TONY J. ARNOLD
Sports Editor

Southeast Missouri's women's basketball team was leading the OVC in defense allowing an average of 57.4 points with a 36 percent shooting ratio per game.

Notice the key word "was"?

Defense was not the case Saturday night when the Lady Raiders pounded the Otahkians 81-57 in Ohio Valley Conference action.

"We got good shots, and we did a good job defensively," head coach Lewis Bivens said. "They were leading the league in defense and rebounding. We tried to attack and create good shots.

"Whether we hit or missed, we took good shots."

The win seemed to be even more important since it equalled Middle's conference record at 1-1 after a conference opening loss to Murray State. Murray was picked to finish last in the OVC, and the Lady Raiders were almost in a "must win" situation.

"This was a very big game, we had a point to prove," sophomore forward Maggie Cox admitted. "When Murray beat us it made us look bad because they're at the bottom of our conference."

And Cox had a great deal to do with the Lady Raiders performance. After a sluggish start in which

Middle fell behind 4-2, Cox and teammate Priscilla Robinson ignited a 23-4 run which put Middle up for good.

"We got good shots and did a heck of a job defensively," Bivens said. "We kept getting into the passing lanes and did a good job at that."

They did such a good job that by the half, the Lady Raiders had built a commanding 47-24 lead largely due to the 15 points from Cox and an additional 10 from Robinson.

But in the second half, it was sophomore center Niki Bonner that made her presence known. In the opening 8 minutes of the final quarter, Bonner had netted 10 points.

"In the first half, my mind was on getting the boards," Bonner said. "That's my main job."

Just minutes later after Bonner's explosion, the Lady Raiders had built their largest lead of 34 points, 74-40, leaving Bivens with the opportunity to insert some of his non-starters.

"It was a good win," Bivens said. "If you're going to win, you've got to win at home. You can't let someone come into your kitchen and kick you off the table."

The victory was also big in that it marked the

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Davis stepped to the line, hit both shots and the Raiders were able to keep a tying 3-pointer out of the basket to claim the victory.

The Raiders, who came into the game shooting a chilly 46.4 percent from the floor, felt the north winds blow as they shot at a 26.9 percent clip in the first half. The Indians proved to be as good as their competition and matched the Raider output at 26 percent.

As inept as the offense seemed, the defenses of both

teams must be given credit for the chilling performances.

"Their defense made us work for the open shot," Taylor said. "I had a hand in my face everytime, so I started taking my man to the basket."

Meanwhile, SEMO coach Ron Shumate was equally pleased with his squads defensive performance.

"I thought we played good defense for most of the game," Shumate said. "We just didn't get very many breaks."

The high scoring Indians felt the heat as the Raider's man-to-

man defense held the Indians virtually scoreless during two long stretches of the game.

The first came with the Raiders on the short end of a 19-9 score with nine minutes left in the first half. The Raider's got an offensive boost from Kelvin Hammonds who chipped in four points during a Raider run that saw the Big Blue out score the Indian's 14-5, while holding the Indians to one basket during the entire nine minutes.

The second defensive stand came with 11:35 left in the game and the Raiders clinging to a 42-37 lead.

Raider head coach David Farrar called time out to settle his troops, and his hoopsters responded with a six minute burst during which Davis chipped in

six points, and the Raiders went on a 10 to nothing tear to increase the advantage to 52-37 with 5:32 left to play.

The Raiders were 19-of-30 from the charity line hitting eight of 12 in the second half and three of four down the stretch. Although he was held to five

points Warren "Big Kat" Kidd dominated the glass with a game high 18 rebounds.

The Raiders improved to 6-5 with the victory and even their OVC record at 1-1. The Raiders face a road-tough Austin Peay team tonight at Murphy Center with tip off moved to 8:08 p.m.

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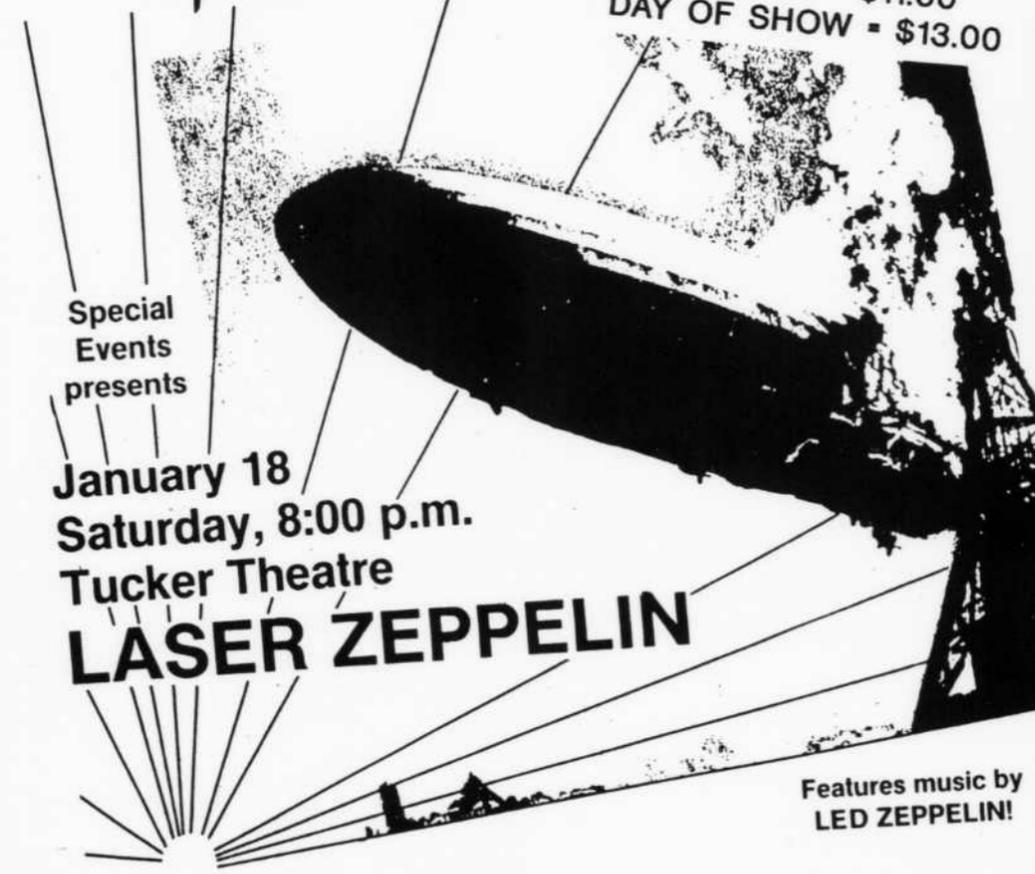
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Baseball teams busy out of season as well

GREG ADKINS
Sports Writer

WARNING: This is not an article for your average sports fan. This is an article for your crazy-in-the-head, can't wait-til-spring baseball nut.

The winter of 1991 has proven to be the hectic end of a rather historic, worst-to-first baseball season. Winter meetings in Florida proved to be a feeding frenzy of baseball management looking for talented ball players and got high price tags.

Among last year's pennant winners, only the Atlanta Braves have remained unscathed. The Pittsburgh Pirates, Toronto Blue Jays and Minnesota Twins have all sustained various degrees of trading damage. Each team has been left with a mix of players which should make for interesting play on opening day.

Pittsburg was, by far, the worst hit losing its capital 'B' in 'Killer Bs' when Bobby Bonilla went to the Mets. Barry Bonds is a short-lived player with the team because even management agrees it's better to trade him now than to lose him to free agency at the end of next season. At least now he's worth something in return.

Not all was lost with the Pirates. They did manage to retain the services of their portly plate protector, Mike LeValliere, who signed a \$6.3 million deal with Pittsburg on Jan. 4.

Toronto seemed to make the best trades of the four teams by acquiring some top-notch players. Minnesota unwillingly shed what they called an overpriced Jack Morris. The Jays were more than happy to pay the price of the World Series MVP.

Dave Winfield was another player to find a home north of the border. Toronto hopes to bolster

their number of hard hitters, such a Fred McGriff, with Winfield's bat.

Besides the exit of Jack Morris, the Minnesota Twins also lost a major asset when bad boy Dan Gladden jumped ship for the Detroit Tigers.

The Twins hoped to stop the pitching stampede out of Minnesota by adding Bob Kipper from Pittsburg. Minnesota is also depending on its unnaturally healthy bullpen for a full season of mound support.

Brian Harper, fortunately, didn't follow Gladden's example, and resigned as the Twins' starting catcher.

Sitting back, watching the action, the Atlanta Braves are glad to be displaced from the trading race this off-season. The National League champs have managed to retain every player on their championship roster. Alajandro Pena was the only possible hold-out, but after testing the tides of free agency, decided to stay down South.

The Braves even managed to end up with a bonus. The 60-day suspension of Otis Nixon kept him from the playoffs and the World Series. It didn't look like he would ever return to the Braves because of the high priced offers from some western teams. 'Hotlanta' luck held out, and Nixon decided to stay close to home. This added much needed speed to the already famous Braves lineup.

Big teams weren't the only wheelers and dealers in this year's market. One of baseball's biggest names, Kevin Mitchell, was traded from the San Francisco Giants to the Seattle Mariners.

Whose happiest about this trade? Reportedly,

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Free agents available

The 54 remaining free agents (as of Jan. 1)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BOSTON (3): *Dennis Lamp, rhp; *Steve Lyons, inf-of; Dan Petry, rhp

CALIFORNIA (3): Bert Blyleven, rhp; Donnie Hill, 2b; Jeff Robinson, rhp

CHICAGO (1): *Scott Fletcher, 2b

DETROIT (5): John Cerutti, lhp; Jerry Don Gleaton, lhp; Pete Incafiglia, of; Lloyd Moseby, of; Mark Salas, c

KANSAS CITY (3): Steve Crawford, rhp; *Kurt Stillwell, ss; *Danny Tartabull, of

MINNESOTA (4): Steve Bedrosian, rhp; Terry Leach, rhp; Al Newman, 2b; *Mike Pagliarulo, 3b

OAKLAND (4): *Mike Gallego, 2b; Brook Jacoby, 3b; Ernest Riles, 3b; Curt Young, lhp

SEATTLE (3): Alvin Davis, 1b; *Bill Krueger, lhp; Tracy Jones, of

TEXAS (3): Oil Can Boyd, rhp; Rich Gossage, rhp; John Russell, c

TORONTO (3): Jim Acker, rhp; *Dave

Parker, of; Mookie Wilson, of

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ATLANTA (2): *Jim Clancy, rhp; Doug Sisk, rhp

CINCINNATI (3): Carmelo Martinez, 1b; *Ted Power, rhp; Herm Winningham, of

HOUSTON (2): Jim Deshaies, lhp; *Rafael Ramirez, ss

LOS ANGELES (1): Alfredo Griffin, ss

MONTREAL (2): Mike Fitzgerald, c; Ron Hassey, c

NEW YORK (1): *Garry Templeton, ss

PHILADELPHIA (4): Steve Lake, c; Steve Ontiveros, rhp; Randy Ready, 2b; *Rick Schu, inf

PITTSBURGH (1): Curtis Hamaker, lhp

SAN DIEGO (3): Atlee Hammaker, lhp; Dennis Rasmussen, lhp; *Tim Teufel, 2b

SAN FRANCISCO (3): Dave Anderson, ss; *Terry Kennedy, c; Don Robinson, rhp

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Game	Date	Time
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MTSU at Tenn. Tech	Jan. 20	8:00
Eastern Ky. at MTSU	Jan. 27	8:00
Eastern Ky. at Morehead	Feb. 3	8:00
Tenn. Tech at Austin Peay	Feb. 10	8:00
Tenn. Tech at Murray St.	Feb. 17	9:00
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Ken Griffey Jr. loves the idea of batting in front of Kevin Mitchell. What pitcher in his right mind would pitch past anyone to get to Mitchell?

The New York Mets have completely rebuilt from the ground up. If acquiring a mass of new players makes you a championship team, then the Mets could be the Braves of '92.

As earlier reported, Bobby Bonilla signed a big dollar deal to play in the Big Apple, but he won't be the only new face. Eddie Murray from Los Angeles, Bret Saberhagen from Kansas City, and Willie Randolph from Milwaukee, will make up a large part of the Mets' starting lineup.

To accent these trades, the Mets have been shifting and shuffling, sliding and stumbling, through the minor leagues, acquiring such players as reliever Clyde Keller from the Cardinals organization. New York hopes to have an all-star cast with quality back-ups for the '92 season.

Tommy Lasorda refuses to be denied a playoff spot next year. After acquiring last year's Mr. September, Darrell Strawberry, he couldn't turn down an opportunity to get Eric Davis from Cincinnati. Davis, who hated Cincinnati almost as much as it hated him, turned out

to be disappointing for Marge Schotz's Reds. The Dodgers are betting that the Davis/Strawberry combination will be unbeatable in the National League West.

Tom Candiotti went AWOL from the Blue Jays to play in Dodger Blue. California fans hope he will be the perfect pitching partner to Orel Herschiser.

If there's one thing Cincinnati needs, it is depth in the bullpen, say most Reds' fans and Lou Pinella. Making a big three-for-one trade long before the winter meetings, Cincinnati sent Jack Armstrong, Joe Turek and Scott Scudder to the Cleveland Indians for the Tribes' number one pitcher, Greg Swindell.

Cincinnati picked up Dwayne Henry on waivers from the Houston Astros, and traded Davis and pitcher Kip Gross to L.A. for pitcher Tim Belcher. The Reds also traded Bill Risley to the Montreal Expos for outfielder Dave Martinez, pitcher Scott Ruskin and minor league infielder Willie Greene. If this winter's baseball activities have proven nothing else, they have shown that baseball is a complicated year-round sport. Half the year, players battle on the field for runs; half the year, management battles in the offices for the best lineup.

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return of Bivens who has missed the Lady Raiders' past two contests due to a fluid build-up around his heart.

"I thought it was going to be a tough game," Cox said. "They played hard, but it was easier than I thought."

Cox was the game's high scorer with 18. Robinson and Bonner each netted 15 and Kristi Brown came off the bench to score 12 burning the net for three 3-pointers.

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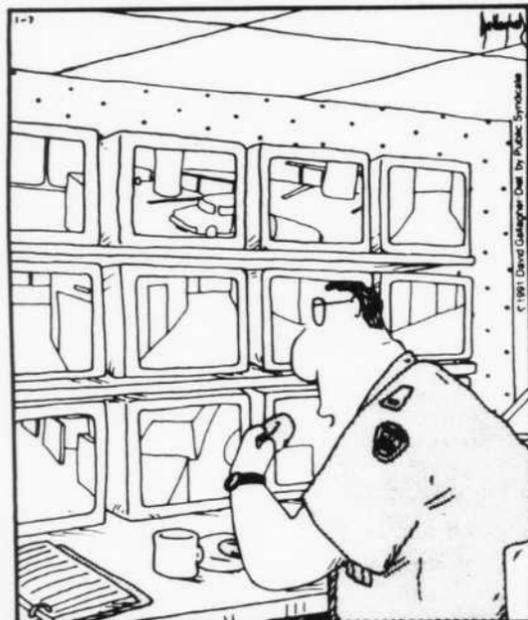
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A scene from "Blood Stream," the controversial "safety film" which is shown to canoeing students before they can get their license.

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Phillip, trained in TV watching since childhood, couldn't be happier with his new career as security guard.

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"Walt, wait! Could you put me back on hold please. I was enjoying the music."

- ACROSS**
- 1 Motor coach
 - 4 Money
 - 8 Turk. city
 - 13 Brother Jonathan: abbr.
 - 14 Bay window
 - 16 Like most streets
 - 17 U-boat
 - 19 — a dozen (cheap)
 - 20 Fortune-telling card
 - 21 Singing John
 - 23 Scheduled
 - 25 Slender and tapering
 - 26 Learn
 - 28 Burn slowly
 - 32 Hard to find
 - 35 Trap
 - 37 Pro — (following rules)
 - 38 Love Lat. style
 - 39 Decree
 - 42 Fasten
 - 43 Columbus' starting point
 - 45 Animal foot
 - 46 Circle
 - 47 Miller's "After —"
 - 50 Kicker's grp.
 - 52 Preface
 - 54 Cubic meters
 - 58 Race track
 - 61 Century plant
 - 62 Hawaiian veranda
 - 63 Sentimental journalist
 - 66 Oak nut
 - 67 A John
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- 69 Pretty woman
 - 70 Clothes
 - 71 Tint
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- 1 Arrests
 - 2 Normal
 - 3 Native-born Israeli
 - 4 Beard
 - 5 Make a mistake
 - 6 52 in Rhaetia
 - 7 Inclines
 - 8 "— star-crossed lovers"
 - 9 Arachnid
 - 10 Rara —
 - 11 Captain of fiction
 - 12 Arabian gulf
 - 15 Moves quickly
 - 18 Nacre
 - 22 Energy
 - 24 Jutlander
 - 27 Crimson or claret
 - 29 Cart
 - 30 Arab chieftain
 - 31 Breathing sound
 - 32 Entranced
 - 33 Oriental nanny
 - 34 Function
 - 36 Point
 - 40 Container
 - 41 "— the night before..."
 - 44 Pilchard
 - 48 Base
 - 49 Building contract
 - 51 Blots
 - 53 "— Kentucky Home"
 - 55 Estimated
 - 56 — so often
 - 57 Suit material
 - 58 Thick piece
 - 59 Unit of length
 - 60 Organic compound
 - 64 Unit of heat: abbr.
 - 65 Turf

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