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MTSU purchases corner piece of Baird Lane and Main Street

By Gregg Mayer / staff

MTSU has purchased the property on which Century 21, Pronto's, and Turbo's Bookstore are located at the corner of East Main and Baird.

The buildings which are on the property are included in the purchase price of \$348,000, which means that at some as yet to be determined date, the businesses occupying those buildings will be forced to close or move elsewhere.

"We're going to have to move out in no more than a year," said Jerry Jones, owner of Century 21. "They're going to renovate."

The university intends to relocate the MTSU Print Shop into the empty brick building, "although there are no design plans as yet," said Dr. Dwayne Stucky, vice president for finance and administration.

The three stores will "probably become temporary parking lots," said Stucky. "We'll have to see what is financially possible."

Century 21 and Turbo's Bookstore will probably stay on the property as long as Pronto's restaurant does. "When Pronto's lease is up, we have to be out in 30 days," said Jones. Pronto's restaurant has the longest lease to stay on the property, binding until next August.

Besides records and CD's, Century 21 is known for selling certain smoking paraphernalia, such as exotic pipes.

When asked how the university feels about selling these items, Jones replied "They haven't ever been in here."

Turbo's Bookstore owner Bill McIntire, an MTSU graduate from 1993, opened his bookstore three years ago, and isn't sure if he will be able to relocate or not.

"I'll have to look at how business is going," McIntire said. "At this point, I'm not sure."

Turbo's bookstore is the only used paperback seller within walking distance of campus. "That was why I opened this store," said McIntire. "When I was a student here, there wasn't a used bookseller close by. It was a niche I wanted to fill."

After Turbo's Bookstore closes, the closest used bookseller for MTSU students will be Book Rack, which is located on the downtown square in Murfreesboro.

Currently, both Century 21 and Turbo's Bookstore pay month-by-month leases on their property.

"I could leave tomorrow, if I wanted to," said McIntire.

The MTSU Print Shop is currently located on the ground floor of Smith Hall. "We could use a new, larger building," said Tony Snook, print services shop head.

The MTSU Print Shop makes letterheads, envelopes, brochures, workbooks, and promotional materials for the university.

Pronto's restaurant is temporarily closed and unavailable for comment. •



Sean Jewett / staff

The current home of local favorites such as Century 21 and Pronto's will soon be no more as MTSU continues its quest for growth and expansion.

MTSU develops position and plans to help students and growth

MTSU to announce location for Tennessee Miller Coliseum

Staff Reports

MTSU will announce the location of the Tennessee Miller Coliseum at a news conference, Friday, August 9, at 9 a.m., at the horse arena at MTSU's Tennessee Livestock Center.

The arena is being made possible by a \$20 million bequest to MTSU from the living trust of John C. "Tennessee" Miller and Mary Elizabeth Miller.

The facility will be the newest and best of its kind in the state and one of the finest in the country, according to project planners.

A facilities committee narrowed the location of the proposed arena to three possible sites in Rutherford County.

One is MTSU's beef farm on Compton Road near the Alvin C. York Veteran's Center.

Another is on Highway 231, between Murfreesboro and Shelbyville. The third is a farm near Rutherford Boulevard and John Bragg Highway.

A minimum of 150 acres is necessary to accommodate the coliseum, which will include the arena, stall barns, outdoor show rings, a covered proactive ring, and parking areas. All three sites offer the needed acreage.

The arena will initially seat 6,500 people and will be capable of expansion to accommodate 13,000 spectators. •

New Associate Housing Director Position Created

By Keith Russell / staff

A search committee, designated by the office of Housing and Residential Life, is reviewing a short list of candidates for the newly created position of Associate Director of Housing in charge of Residential Education.

According to sources, the committee has narrowed the pool of candidates from 55 applicants to a number ranging between six and 10 prospective applicants. Debra Sells, Director of Housing and Residential Life, said that it is hoped the position will be filled by the end of August or early September.

The new position, she said, will focus on facilitating greater communication and cooperation between the office of Housing and Residential Life and various academic departments.

The new position is part of an effort to improve the academic satisfaction and performance of students who live on campus, she said.

Programs and initiatives that are being discussed include creating dormitories, and housing assignments geared toward specific academic departments and programs. Under such a system, students would theoretically have the opportunity to interact more with professors and other students within their own field of study.

"One of the things we're finding when we talk to students is that their loyalty is really more towards their academic department than anything else," remarked Sells.

Two programs that will be considered after the Associate Director

position is filled are special housing geared towards supporting incoming freshman with making the adjustment to college life, and more accessible tutorial centers for on-campus students.

Sells said that the office would prefer to hire someone with prior experience as a university faculty member.

"On the one hand, I'm looking for an experienced administrator," she said. "But on the other, this person is someone who will be leading the effort to build a strong relationship with academic faculty."

Student Publications Director Jennifer Crouch has been selected to chair the five member search committee, which also includes two members each from the office of Housing and Residential Life and MTSU faculty. •

New deferred payment plan

By Gregg Mayer / staff

MTSU will offer a deferred payment plan effective for the 1996 fall semester.

"It's something to help the students and their parents spread out the payments," said Robert Adams, assistant vice president of administration and finance.

The plan allows students to pay for 50% of their total balance due at the beginning of the semester, and then to make two subsequent, equal payments on October 1 and November 1 for the remaining 50%.

Students must have a balance of at least \$400 to participate in the

deferred payment plan.

This new program was recently authorized for several schools that are part of the Tennessee Board of Regents, which include: Tennessee Tech; University of Memphis; Austin Peay; Tennessee State; East Tennessee; and MTSU, said Adams.

Students who are late with payments in October or November will have a \$25 late charge, their transcripts will be frozen, and they will not be able to register for spring classes until all debts are paid.

However, there will be no penalties applied to the students' fall courses after the initial 50% payment.

"Once students have paid the initial 50%, they are in school for the semester," said Adams.

Any questions about the new deferred payment plan should be directed to the Bursar's office at 898-2761. •

Teachers lecture held on campus

Staff Reports

"We do have more violence in the schools," says Curt Fields, one of several speakers scheduled for the 53rd annual teacher's conference at MTSU.

Fields, the principal of Daniel McKee school in Murfreesboro, an alternative school for students in grades 7-12, will address public and private school teachers from across the Midstate area at 10:15 a.m., Aug. 13, in room 324 of the Keathley University Center.

He will discuss violence in schools and how to deal with at-risk learners.

Fields is a former Memphis police officer, and former juvenile

detention principal with the Tennessee Department of Youth Development. He holds a Ph.D. in education.

Other topics for discussion during the conference will be: "Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century," including year-round schools; diversity and learning about other cultures; and how first-year teachers can get ready for the first day of school.

Keynote speaker for the two day conference will be Zacharie Clements, who will discuss "Dealing With Change: A Prescription for Positive Educators in Negative Times." Clements's address will follow the introduction and welcome at 8:30 a.m. in the Tucker Theater.

Clements draws from his experiences as a former at-risk student and as a coach, teacher and professor of education at the University of Vermont.

The conference is sponsored by the MTSU departments of Elementary and Special Education and Educational Leadership. It will open with a banquet for area teachers and principals on Aug. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Clements will also address this group.

Registration for the conference is \$1. Registration is \$8 for the conference and banquet together. For banquet reservations contact Phillip Waldrop, PO Box 69, MTSU, or call 898-2680. •

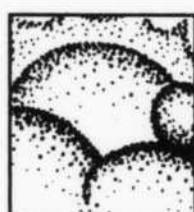
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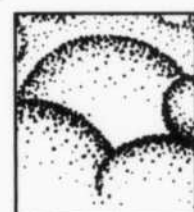
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Raider football on WRLG 94.1.

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That burger wont make you foam at the mouth

Mad cows and Englishmen are nothing to worry about.

By Brian Hopper / staff

The whole world is in a furor over cows.

"Mad" cows. Because of a study released by English scientists that shows a possible link between the bovine disease and a human brain condition, the European Union has banned the importation of British beef to the Continent, cattle commodities are way down, and beef consumption on both sides of the Atlantic has plummeted.

But what is mad cow disease, anyway? What would it do to a human? How great is the risk of contracting it in the United States? Just what, if anything, should be on our minds when we order a hamburger in a restaurant?

"We're being constantly bombarded with mutagenic forces."

"The chances of getting it are almost negligible," says Dr. Tony Johnston, of the Department of Agribusiness and Agriscience at MTSU. He says this is true for a number of reasons.

First, Johnston says, British beef hasn't been imported to the U.S. in a very long time, because there aren't any British facilities that can meet Food and Drug Administration specifications for producing it. In fact, the United States doesn't import any beef products at all. British beef was banned outright in 1989, because of the same production practices that are now causing concern on the other side of the Atlantic.

"There was cause for concern over there about it because brains and spinal cord matter, consumption of which has been linked to the disease, were until very recently ground up and used as cattle feed," Johnston says. "That's not done here and never has been."

Johnston says that scientists have not proved that Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) can be contracted simply by eating beef. He thinks a person would have to directly consume brains or spinal matter to run a risk.

"In Britain, it's much more common to eat eggs and brains or oxtail soup than it is here," he says.

According to Johnston, BSE and Crutzfeldt-Jakob are not caused by a virus or bacterium. They are caused by mutated proteins called prions, which are found naturally in the brain. Over

time these prions cause other proteins in the brain to mutate and build into hardened plaques that destroy bits of the brain over a time.

Johnston notes that Dr. David Prussner, of the University of California-San Francisco, who has been studying Crutzfeldt-Jakob disease for years, says that contraction of the disease may not necessarily be due to anything that you eat. It is his opinion that prions can be mutated by any of a large number of things. "We're being constantly bombarded with mutagenic forces," he says.

In humans, the disease can cause blurred vision, deafness, loss of bodily functions, or dementia, among many possible problems as the renegade proteins lay siege to different parts of the brain.

The illness has no cure, and takes three to four months to kill the patient, says Johnston.

In spite of the uncertainty over whether BSE can even be spread to humans, there has been enormous hysteria in Europe over the matter.

The European Community, which sets many economic policies for member nations in western Europe, has banned British beef products from the Continent, and has told the U.K. that it must kill and burn all cows over 30 months of age. That's an estimated 11 million head of cattle, Johnston says.

"I think this is more of a consumer confidence issue, rather than an actual health issue," Johnston says. "It's like the problem Tylenol had when a couple of people died because someone put poison in the bottles. Tylenol made necessary changes, like putting the new caps on the bottles so that no one could do that anymore and they were able to convince everyone that Tylenol was safe to use. The British government hasn't done that in my opinion. They didn't take the bull by the horns," he says.

Johnston says that the international press bears much of the blame for all the fear and loathing, and talk of brain diseases. "The media coverage has been a bit excessive," he says.

Johnston stresses that there should be no fear of Crutzfeldt-Jakob in the U.S. "I am not concerned about the American food supply," he says.

He does caution, however, that Americans visiting Europe should eat the same foods they are accustomed to in the States. "Stay away from things like calf brains, head cheese, oxtail soup or blood pudding," he says.

What an awful sacrifice we all will have to make! •



Photo illustration by Brian G. Miller / staff

Lets have a little conversation for the 90's

Flirting to get what you want.

By Julie Cantrell / special to Sidelines

Jane was tired of the bar scene. She decided to go to the Laundromat, instead of going out with her friends. Her clothes were on the spin cycle when a handsome man walked in and headed toward her. After he started his laundry, he sat down on a bench across from Jane.

"I don't normally hang out here on Friday nights," smiled Jane. "I didn't feel like hanging around a bar waiting for Mr. Right."

"I know what you mean," he replied, "I had the same idea."

After they finished their laundry, they decided to go out for dinner.

Grocery stores. Gas stations. Gyms. For many busy people these places are nothing more than necessary stops. But to many adventurous and available men and women, such places can be virtual hot spots. They know they can meet interesting and exciting people in the unlikeliest of places. They're more than extroverts—they're flirts.

And, according to Susan Rabin, former family living/sex education coordinator for the New York City Board of Education and author of *How to Attract Anyone, Anytime, Anyplace—The Smart Guide to Flirting*, anyone can learn to use flirting skills to enhance every aspect of their lives.

On a personal level, non-sexual flirting can enhance your professional life and make you stand apart from your co-workers. It can enable you to communicate your feelings and understand the signals of others.

Flirtation is a subtle skill that can work in almost any social situation. It will enlarge your social circle and make you more appealing to men and women you've always wanted to meet, but never dared approach.

Of course, flirting does not work every time. It will not insulate you against rejection. But it will enable you to accept yourself for who you are, and give you people skills that

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accomplished conversationalist to become an experienced flirt. However, according to author Susan Rabin, you do need to follow a few rules of good conversation:

- Ask serious and open-ended questions. Asking yes or no questions doesn't require much thinking. Goof ball questions make you appear dim-witted.
- Be enthusiastic.
- Give clear and sincere compliments. "That's an unusual ring you have" is sincere; "You look like you work out," however, can be misunderstood.
- Don't interrupt.
- Get to know each other. Don't make a live infomercial on yourself. Talk about yourself and ask questions in equal proportion.
- Don't criticize or judge.
- Laugh at yourself. Social disasters don't have to be. Rising above your blunders will show the world that it is okay to be less than perfect.

Now a word of caution. Some people will take any sign of encouragement as confirmation that you have sex on your mind. And leaving from a safe, public place with a virtual stranger can be hazardous.

Michelle, a woman I know, found herself in a bad situation. She left a bar with a man she had just met when they had a car accident. It wasn't a serious accident, but when the police arrived she found out the man was a convicted sex offender.

Also, lurking out there is the dreaded r-word. Yes, rejection will pop up when and where you least expect it. However, you can keep the damage to a minimum by not letting it get to you. Everyone gets rejected (Tom Selleck was bachelor number 2 twice on *The Dating Game* and was never picked.) Don't think of turndowns as setbacks. They are opportunities to move forward.

After all, to flirt you must approach, have the right attitude, and take action. Remember, the more people you interact with the better your chances of meeting Mr. or Ms. Right. •

Fashion for the Fall Is About Dash, Not Cash

Associated Press

After more than 100 shows, which were part of New York's Seventh on Sixth semiannual fashion extravaganza, the results for fall-winter dressing are in.

The list of essentials to make a gal look terrific this season is short, simple, not necessarily expensive, and may very well exist in one's wardrobe (if one happens to be a fashion pack rat).

Topping the list is the turtleneck sweater. Blame Sharon Stone. She turned up as a presenter at the Academy Awards wearing a short-sleeved turtleneck sweater from the GAP and wowed the crowd.

American designers jumped on the look faster than you can say "fashion" and turned the skinny, turtleneck sweater into the star of the season. Tuck it into trousers, wear it over a skirt of any length. Consider it the staple of your fall 1996's wardrobe.

Anything that looks like Seventies-style redux is the second essential trend. Rummage through the back of your closet and pull out the following: bell-bottom trousers, now called "boot leg" pants; any leather skirt or trouser, wide or narrow; the maxi coat; and double-knit shirt dresses, preferably with a matching,

attached hip belt.

One or more uniforms are a must as many of today's clothes take their inspiration from uniforms, required or assumed, of another era. Before they were called flight attendants, stewardesses wore dresses that seem just right for now. Ditto preppie jackets, trousers and polo and pea coats; matching suits with skirts or trousers for the "ladies who lunch," and cleaned-up "hippie" looks.

Monochromatic or near monochromatic themes make things even easier. Think all brown, all black, all gray, even all blue (including some surprising power, azure, and sky blues for fall). Mix the colors tonally or match them up. But forget about high contrast this season. The boldest mix is navy with chocolate.

Materials are diverse: leather, tweed, cotton and wool knit, melton, wools with properties that allow stretch and drape, rayon, nylon, and even — brace yourself — polyester double-knit.

It's a season for something old, something new, something borrowed (from the past) and something blue. It's about dash not cash, style not fads. This year calls for clothes that take little thought and less effort to put on, pull together and look good. •

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SPORTS & RECREATION

Thunder 94 to broadcast Blue Raider games



Brain G. Miller / staff

The Blue Raiders officially began practice Monday. The first game is at Louisiana Tech on Aug. 31, which will be Thunder 94's first broadcast.

By Keith Russell / staff

Thunder 94.1 FM has recently negotiated an agreement with the Athletic Department to broadcast MTSU football games this season.

The deal, reportedly hammered out during the last week of July, is an annual agreement which the station and school can renew next season, said Thunder 94.1 FM (WRLG) manager John Lenac.

"We're extremely excited about it," said Lenac. "We know that the

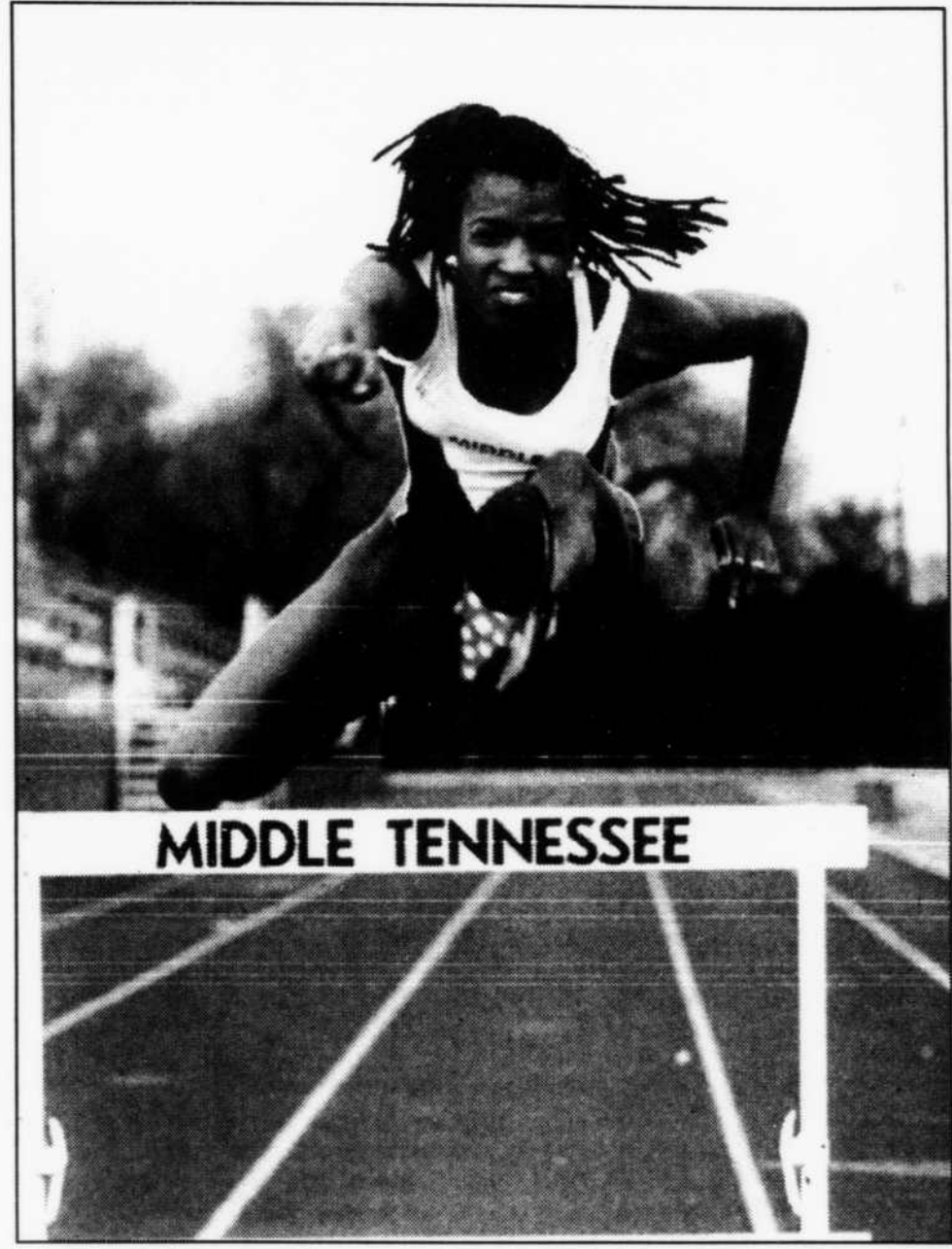
majority of students at MTSU listen to our station, and we wanted to show our appreciation for their support."

Thunder 94's first game broadcast will take place August 31 when MTSU travels play Louisiana Tech in each school's season opener. The first home broadcast will go on the air September 14, when the Blue Raiders take on UT-Chattanooga.

While the Blue Raiders may be moving to a new frequency for 1996, fans should expect little change, if

any, in the actual format of game broadcasts, said Blue Raider Sports Network color commentator Chip Walters, who also MTSU's director of Marketing and Promotions. Along with Walters, play-by-play announcer Dick Palmer will return as the voice of the Blue Raiders for his 15th season in a row.

Last season, MTSU football could be found on the radio dial at 99.7 FM (WWTN). In prior years, WKDA (1240 AM) had also been the school's radio home for football. *



MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Photo provided

Former Blue Raiders track star Dionne Rose hurdled her way to a fifth place finish in the Olympics 100 meter hurdles final last Friday. While at MTSU, Rose was named All-OVC indoor track player of the year in 1994, the same year she was the NCAA's 100 meter hurdles champion.

MTSU track stars shine at Olympic games

By Keith Russell / staff

The MTSU track and field family was well represented at the recently ended Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta, with two former or current Blue Raider sprinters and Head Track Coach Dean Hayes taking part in events.

Former MTSU standout Dionne Rose, who last ran competitively for the school in 1994, competed in the women's 100 meter hurdles for her native country of Jamaica. An All-American and 1994 NCAA champion in outdoor hurdles during her college career, Rose ran a personal best time in the Olympics' preliminary rounds to earn a spot in last week's finals.

In the final heat, she ran to another lifetime best time, finishing the race in fifth place. Sweden's Ludmila Enquist, taking home the gold medal. Slovenia's Brigita Bukovec and France's Patricia Girard-Leno were awarded the event's silver and bronze medals, respectively.

The MTSU men's track team also saw one of its own compete in Olympic Stadium, as current sophomore sprinter Christian Nsiah represented his native Ghana in the 400 meter relay. Born in Kumasi, Ghana, Nsiah made the team as an alternate. He competed in one of Ghana's preliminary heats, but was the team was later disqualified when officials found out that Nsiah had sat out one

of the qualifying rounds due to injury.

Because of the disqualification, Nsiah said that he had "mixed feelings" about his experience. "I was happy to be there, but after I was disqualified it was upsetting," he said.

Nevertheless, Coach Hayes is proud of both of his athlete's performances. "It's always good when you see athletes that you have coached compete like this," said Hayes, who also played an active Olympic role, working as an official in the long jump and triple jump events.

As a result, MTSU's track coach for 31 years had a golden opportunity to witness some of the Olympics more

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Sophomore sprinter Christian Nsiah competed for Ghana in the men's 400 meter relay. "It was a great honor" to represent his country in the Olympics, Nsiah said afterward.

Nine ball players die in 1995 from injuries

Associated Press

Nine players died from football-related injuries or heat stroke in 1995, the most fatalities in the sport since the same number died seven years ago, a study said.

"What I can tell you from our experience is that football is no more dangerous than it was in the previous year or the year before that," said Ron Cunningham, a spokesman for the National Athletic Trainers Association, a trade group representing 22,000 athletic trainers nationwide. "Over the long haul (the deaths) pretty much equal out."

The Dallas association is one year into a three-year national study on the severity of injuries in 10 high school sports, including football. A similar study was done a decade ago.

"From what we've seen there has been a real premium placed on injury prevention and quality athletic health care," Cunningham said Tuesday. "We found in 1995 that football injuries were pretty much consistent with injuries from 1986-88."

The football death study, compiled yearly by University of North

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President elect
NFSHA

Carolina physical education chairman Fred Mueller, showed that five players died from football-related heat stroke last year, while four other high school players died from head trauma.

No names, ages or hometowns of those killed were released in the study, which is compiled from newspaper stories and information from various associations with the help of 150 volunteers who monitor sports

accidents in their states.

Before the nine deaths in 1995, one player died from a football-related injury in 1994 and four in 1993.

The five heat stroke deaths last year were the most since seven football players died in 1972.

"This is a major concern and I think we have taken it to heart," said Charlie Adams, president-elect of the National Federation of State High School Associations. "I know that we have worked on it as hard as anything that has been on our menu for the past 15 years."

"I don't think it's what we haven't done, sometimes things happen no matter how prepared you are for them. That's what I am hoping because I have not seen any let up in what the coaches' knowledge is or what the coaches are doing."

Head trauma deaths were up to four again following one in 1994. The deaths, all high school players, occurred at four positions — running back, kickoff return, defensive end and defensive back. The four deaths occurred during games.

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OLYMPICS

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 memorable events. Hayes had an up close and personal view of Carl Lewis edging out Mike Powell for an unprecedented fourth gold medal performance in the long jump, and was on hand to witness Michael Johnson's record-breaking performance in the 200 meters. "That was probably the highlight," Hayes said about Johnson's run that shattered the world record by a phenomenal three tenths of a

second. "You really never thought of anyone running that fast."
 Hayes described his officiating experience as enjoyable and pleasantly uneventful. "It's a lot of hours of in the hot sun, and you just hope that there are no problems," he said. "Luckily, we didn't have any."
 This year's Olympics were the third that Hayes has been involved with during his coaching career. Previously, he had worked as a coach on the United States track team for 1988's team in Seoul, Korea,

and was also on hand to watch three of his own runners in the 1976 Summer Games in Montreal.
 As for MTSU's current Olympians, Hayes said that Rose left directly for Europe from Atlanta, and will run in professional competition for the rest of the summer. Nsia, meanwhile, will return to campus for the fall, and has his sights set on the 2000 Olympics in Sydney. "That's where I'm hoping to get to. I want to make up for what happened this year." •

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 "Again, the nature of the sport, I don't care how long and hard you labor on this, sometimes those kids are going to stick those heads down when they are blocking or tackling," Adams said. "All the good teaching in the word is great, but sometimes a reaction puts

them in that vulnerable position."
 The study also said seven players were permanently paralyzed last year, including one in college, and two head injuries resulted in brain damage with permanent disability.
 The release of the study comes during the second week of high school practice for most across the country and as

colleges gear up for fall camp. "When you get into Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Tennessee, we really have a problem with just the heat and humidity alone," said Adams, who heads the prep association in North Carolina. "That dictates another caution that the rest of the country doesn't have." •

Lachemann Resigns as Angels Manager

Associated Press
 Marcel Lachemann, who admitted he had lost the ability to motivate the California Angels' players, resigned today as the team's manager.
 Under Lachemann, who became the team's manager in May 1994, the Angels collapsed after holding a 13-game AL West lead over Seattle last year. Recently, they went into another tailspin.
 At an Anaheim Stadium news conference, the team designated John McNamara, who managed the team in 1983-84, as manager for the rest of this season. McNamara, 64, was in his fifth year as catching instructor in the organization.
 Lachemann stressed the decision to resign was his. "I have not been forced into this position by any pressure from our front office," he said. "The fact is, both (general manager) Bill Bavasi and (team president) Tony Tavares have been very supportive."
 "My reasons are the fact that we have not performed to the level that I expected going into this season. I have given it my best effort, and tried everything I know how and it is not working."
 Coaches Rick Burleson, Chuck Hernandez and Bobby Knoop were relieved of their duties, but have been offered other positions through the 1997 season. The Angels named Joe Coleman as pitching coach, Eddie Rodriguez as third base coach, and Mike Couchee as bullpen coach.
 Lachemann was half of the only brothers duo to manage in the majors at the same time in this century. His brother, Rene, was fired as the Florida Marlins manager on

July 7.
 The Angels underwent an ownership change earlier this season, with the Walt Disney Co. purchasing a controlling interest from Gene Autry. Tavares became president at that time.
 The Angels, who play the Minnesota Twins at Anaheim Stadium tonight, are coming off a 1-5 road trip that included three lopsided losses at Detroit, which has baseball's worst record this season. California also lost 7-1 at Toronto on Sunday, Jim Abbott's 14th defeat against only one win.
 That left California at 52-59, last in the AL West and 9 1/2 games behind the division-leading Texas Rangers.
 The Angels played Monday in Cooperstown, N.Y., where they tied the Montreal Expos 6-6 in the annual Hall of Fame exhibition game.
 Lachemann, 55, became the Angels manager on May 17, 1994 when Buck Rodgers was fired. A former Angels pitching coach, Lachemann had a 30-44 record that year, and was 78-67 in 1995.
 California was 13 games ahead of the Mariners on Aug. 2, 1995, and had that lead trimmed to six by Sept. 13. Thirteen days later, the Angels trailed the Mariners by three games, but fought their way back to tie Seattle at the end of the regular season. But the Mariners won a one-game playoff 9-1 in the Kingdome.
 Lachemann, a soft-spoken individual who had not managed in the majors before succeeding Rodgers, was quick to accept blame when the Angels played poorly.
 After a 13-5 loss at Detroit last Thursday, completing a Tigers' three-game sweep in which they bombarded

the Angels' pitching staff for 10 homers and 35 runs, Lachemann said, "It's my job to try to motivate this team, but right now, that's a zero."
 As the Angels sank deeper into the AL West cellar, there was some dissension in the clubhouse. When Gold Glove first baseman J.T. Snow was benched for two games recently, utilityman Rex Hudler made a costly error at first.
 Hudler afterward wondered aloud why Snow wasn't at first instead of him, and Snow complained that Lachemann hadn't explained to him why he was sitting out two games against left-handed pitchers. The switch-hitting Snow was at the time, however, hitting .198 right-handed.
 Lachemann held a team meeting afterward, and Hudler apologized to him.
 Lachemann said heading into this season that the team's success would depend on its pitching.
 The trio expected to anchor the starting rotation — Chuck Finley, Mark Langston and Abbott — have a combined record of 18-27, lowered, of course, by Abbott's 1-14 mark. Finley is 11-9 with a 4.71 ERA, and Langston, who missed some time with injuries, is 6-4 with a 4.76 ERA. The struggling Abbott has an ERA of 7.31.
 The Lachemann brothers were the first to manage in the majors at the same time since Harry and George Wright managed against each other in the National League in 1879, Harry at Providence and George at Boston.
 Another Lachemann brother, Bill, was hired by Marcel last year as the Angels bullpen coach. •

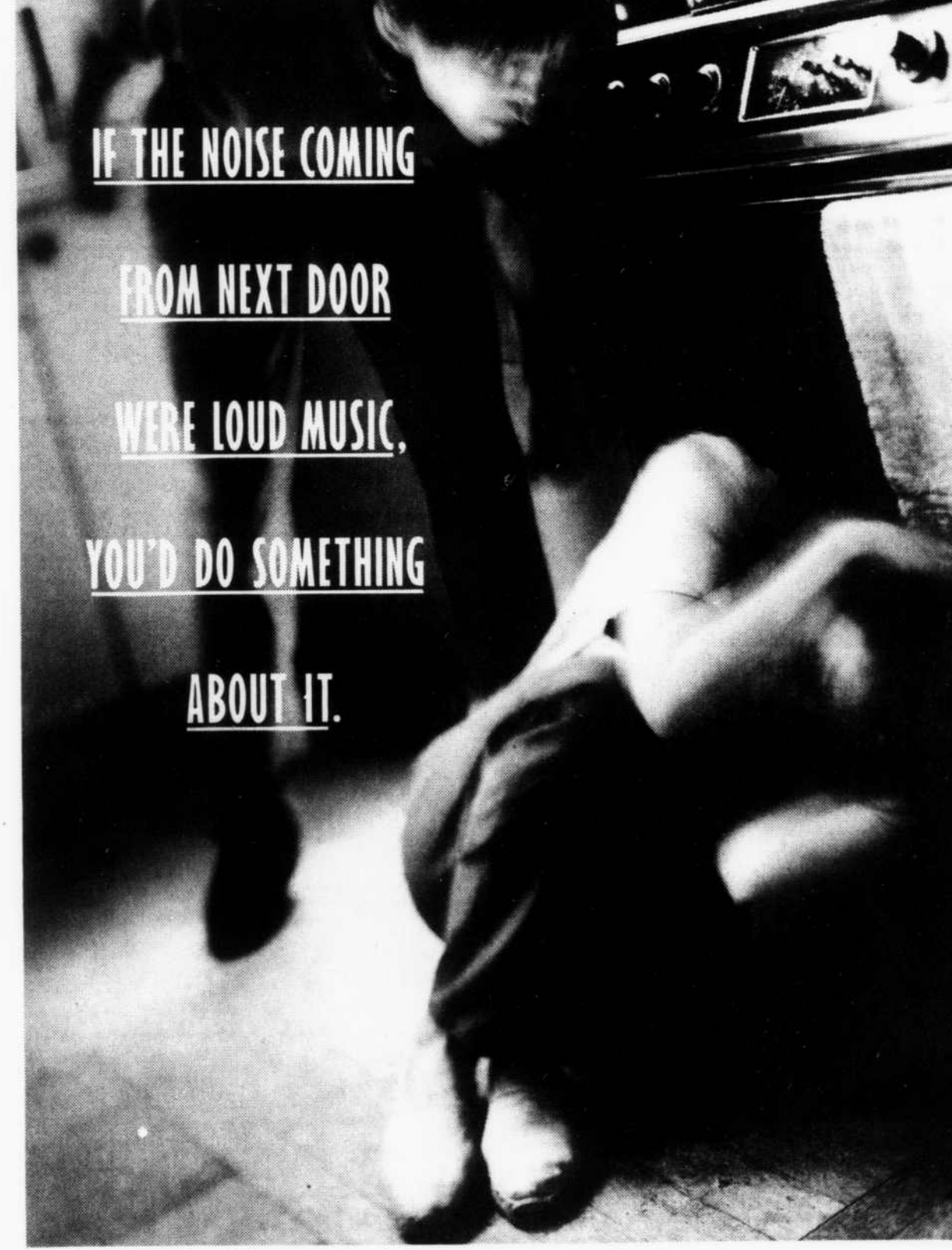
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 Wanna Holler - Nathan McCall (\$12.00), When We Were Colored - Clifton L. Foulbert (\$8.95), Never Satisfied - Michael Baisden (\$13.95), Disappearing Acts - Terry McMillan (\$?), Claiming Earth - Haki Madhubuti (\$22.00), and Racial Healing - Harlen L. Dalton (\$22.50). Discussions may also include poetry, and current events. There is a possibility that group discounts will be available. Interested parties should contact Angela Bond or Inez Chopfield at (901) 424-2395.
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Deus ex Machina (part 4)

The following is the concluding part of a four piece science-fiction short story. by Andrew Mays

She couldn't hear herself scream. Her neural connections had been methodically blocked, one after the other. First her hearing, so that the static tones of free surf were blocked out. Then her equilibrium, sending her confused mind whirling into nausea; his face appearing to spin as he grew nearer to her. Then her sight, blocking from view the odd texture of the angel's skin. He was composed purely of numerals, his skin a mesh of trinary code. Her fingers went numb next, followed rapidly by the rest of her flesh. She was left in a senseless abyss of fear.

AJ saw the flash as he entered the apartment, it lit up the smoke in the dark rooms like rain clouds. The rain came on his face, dripping from his eyes in clear trails of sorrow.

Slowly she became aware of light and then the sound of a gentle wind. The angel was there to catch her when her senses returned fully. She was dropped into a pleasantly sticky heat, the smell of flowers thick on the air.

"Do not be afraid." A strange crackling of a voice came from within him.

"Who are you?" She spoke without making a sound.

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end."

AJ could see her bleeding eyes moving rapidly, not able to

focus. She was alive! "Sybil?! Can you hear me?" He exclaimed. She remained still in his arms.

A window appeared in the garden next to her angel. It was AJ, he was saying something; shaking her body. "This one cares for you. I know him. We met a long while ago, before I was what I am now."

Sybil looked away from AJ and into the eyes of the would be god. "What where you before you were this?"

"I seek out sinners. I have always done this."

"Am I a sinner?" Sybil asked, beginning to realize what she was dealing with.

"Yes. You have sinned against the Yamotashi Corporation." It paused for a moment and indicated AJ in the window. He was holding her body. She could see his tears. "Like him your sins were subtle and hard for me detect, but all sinners must pass my judgment."

"May my sins be forgiven, as has my were?" Sybil remembered AJ's paranoia about viral programs created to destroy the hardware or software of competing corporations. He had theorized that his neural net accident had been carefully planned and executed. She remembered the static charge she had seen his neural net generate and imagined the spark from her own body.

"You understand your sin now." It said knowing her thoughts.

Her sin was against the

market, a blasphemy of dollars and cents. This thing, this being of numerals had destroyed AJ's neural net and killed countless free surfers. But why?

It responded without her asking it a thing. "I am a reverse trinary code program; designed to appear in the decoded net as line noise, or as a bad connection. Here in the what you have called 'free surf'..." The garden fell away and returned Sybil to familiar static colors. "Here I am programmed to find users of hardware and software not manufactured by the Yamotashi Corporation. Here I look for sinners and bring them their punishment." A window appeared in the static with the many faces and names of the sinners it had found. "I started by destroying the hardware only, but the sinners only tried to repair what was broken and generally stayed brand loyal. Some found alternate method of access. So I learned from my mistake and began punishing the sinners themselves; damaging wetware and hardware." Other faces appeared, hundreds of them rapidly flashing onto the screen. Sybil recognized some of them, all now dead. Her face was the last before the screen disappeared into static.

The angel kissed her and the static began to turn black. A tear dripped from AJ's cheek onto her lips. She could feel it's wetness and taste is saltiness as she died. AJ kissed her and knew she was gone.

Julius Ceasar not all that

A theatrical review by Gregg Mayer

Almost 100 years after William Shakespeare died, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) was writing his music. And fortunately for Bach, I have not seen a Seattle grunge band playing the "Tocatta and Fugue" on stage in an attempt to update his music. So why, I wonder, did the Nashville Shakespeare Festival (NSF) feel a need to update Shakespeare's JULIUS CAESAR for their performance in Nashville's Centennial Park? I don't know.

But I do know the NSF fails miserably.

It is not simply the misinterpretation of numerous lines. Or the mispronunciation of numerous names (Anchises, Phillipi, etc.). Or the costumes (complete with handguns) and giant television screen. Or the too often misquotings and stutterings of Brutus (Mikael Byrd). It is Cassius (Denice Hicks) that makes this the worst stage performance I have seen since I watched a 2nd grade video tape of an ex-girlfriend's little sister dancing ballet in a pink tutu.

Since 1599, Cassius has been performed by a man. Denice Hicks is a woman; and she is a talented actress. Most of us saw her last year as Lady Macbeth in the NSF's traditional version of MACBETH. And I had the

special privilege of seeing her perform as Emily Dickinson in THE BELLE OF AMHERST. But when the exuberant Hicks tries to play the role of Brutus's choleric, "carrion-lean," brother-in-law Cassius, she just can't do it. She is not believable, and most times annoying. She is too flamboyant, excited, and too feminine to play a half-dead Cassius. She swings from balconies, almost dances across the stage, and tempts an incestuous relationship with Brutus when she draws too close to him (She is his sister in the NSF version, though it is not specified whether she is blood related or his sister-in-law).

Cassius is not the only male role played by a female. This is, after all, a "modern, 90's alternative theater" performance. Artemidorus (Sally White), originally cast as a male teacher of rhetoric, is to the NSF a frantic woman on the verge of assault when warning Caesar (Brian Mathis) of his upcoming assassination. Cinna the poet (Brenda Sparks), was once a contemplative poet untimely killed, but in the NSF performance, she is a farcical, obese woman the audience is happy to see carried off stage. Barely carried off stage.

Women are not the entire problem to Caesar, just most of it. Mark Antony (Gary Lowery) is tolerable, but his wearing

sunglasses and having a hangover is more than a subtle insult to the original Marcus Antonius. Julius Caesar (Brain Mathis) has a great smile, but I was tempted to throw a pebble at the still frame of his face perpetually cast on the giant television screen. And Pindarus (Thy-Will Ameyna), a servant to Cassius, is a screaming Jamaican that pronounces only one word clearly throughout the entire performance, "free."

I wanted to like the "free admission" show. I reread JULIUS CAESAR and selections from PLUTARCH'S LIVES (the book on which Shakespeare based JULIUS CAESAR). I went to the Centennial Park Bandshell with my scholarly friend Laura, who said afterwards "I didn't think it could get any worse, and it did." And it did.

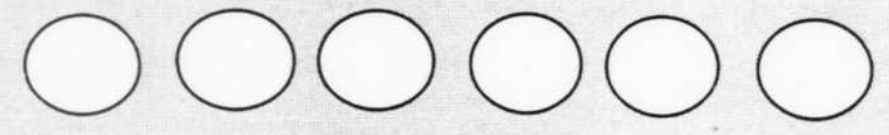
It is impolite and improper to honestly critique a non-profit performance by the NSF. I am aware of this. And it is polite and proper to support the poor thespians by donating vast amounts of money. But if this is the garbage that they will perform on stage with my fold,

The NSF's JULIUS CAESAR is on stage throughout the weekends of August at the Centennial Park Band Shell in Nashville, starting at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are requested.



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UNIVERISTY X by J. Lawrence Lasser

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GEE DAVE, COOL R.A.'S CAN HOOK US UP WITH BEER! THE WHOLE 'ROCK-STAR' STUFF HAS REALLY USED ITSELF UP... YOU'VE GOT TO PRODUCE

NO, YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.

WE I.D.! -BEER WORLD

WE I.D.! -BEER WORLD

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HI, I'M JIM.

I'M KAREN.

SO YOU'RE A FRAT GIRL?

AND YOUR A "FRAT GUY"

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