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Sidelines

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Bugs, back-ordered furniture stalling Learning Lab rehab

Brent Andrews
Staff Writer

Termites and late furniture have postponed the opening of the renovated Learning Resources Center until the end of the month, according to the dean of the College of Education.

The opening, scheduled for April 4, will now take place between April 15-30, said Bob Eaker, dean of the College of Education.

"The actual computers probably won't be hooked up for a couple of weeks after that," Eaker said.

The termite problem was discovered during construction of the new rooms in the 17-year-old

LRC.

"We were having to do some... refiguring," Eaker said. "When we began to tear at some of the sheetrock... [we] found termites."

The late furniture includes desks for new computers, and is expected to arrive as early as April 8.

"We had anticipated [the arrival of the furniture] around the first [of April]. It's a couple of weeks late," Eaker said.

Improvements made to the building include the addition of two computer labs, two multi-media suites, and plans for a 21st century classroom which will house 17 computer stations for

students and faculty.

The computer labs will contain 24 computers each, for student and faculty use, and the multi-media suites will give instructors access to the latest technology for use in classes, Eaker said.

"This will assist professors in developing multi-media software for use in their classrooms," said Eaker, who has recently been appointed head of the LRC. "We will start working on [the 21st century classroom] during intersession."

The changes in the LRC are the result of an LRC Task Force on which Eaker served. The task force was appointed to investigate

the use and possibilities of the LRC and to make suggestions for changes, according to Dr. Bob Jones, Academic Affairs Associate vice president.

"The purpose of the LRC Task Force was to look at the LRC structure," and determine necessary changes, said Jones. "Anything that supports and enhances instruction will benefit students."

"We're trying our best to stay abreast of changing technology," Jones added. "It's sort of like chasing the mechanical rabbit that always stays out in front of you."

The LRC contains many campus offices and organizations, including WMOT radio, the Al

Gore Papers, personnel offices, the LRC, and two television studios.

"There are so many people over here that we have to do this in stages," Eaker said. The LRC came under Eaker's charge "mainly because it wasn't under anybody's jurisdiction. It just seemed to make a lot of sense."

When asked how these changes will benefit students, Eaker responded "I think two ways: Directly, the teacher education students will get the training they need... to be successful. When the computer labs are not being used for classes, we want computers to be available for students to use. Our students are going to benefit." ■

THERE HE IS: Chad Hutson (r) shows his appreciation to the crowd Tuesday night at the Mr. MTSU Pageant sponsored by Chi Omega. Todd Van Horne (below) received the Mr. Congeniality award

Photos by
Robbie Watts



Construction begins on new rec building

Scott Stewart
Staff Writer

Ground breaking ceremonies were held Monday for the new student recreation center at MTSU.

The center will be a place for recreation at all times for MTSU students, according to Glenn Hanley, director of Campus Recreation.

"One big goal is to increase student activity on the weekends," said Hanley. "The facility will be open to students 18 hours a day seven days a week, without the interruption of varsity and intramural sporting events."

The center is expected to open in April, 1995. It will be located on the east side of campus

in the area between family housing and the new softball field, near the observatory, according to Andy Kelmers, project manager with campus planning.

The total cost of the center is over \$11 million, and is being paid through the debt services added to the tuition of each student, added Hanley.

"The facility will be state of the art, to allow Campus Recreation to better serve the students," said Hanley. "The facility will house a modernized, regulation swimming pool, a weight room that will be able to handle 300 to 400 people at one time, and more activities for health and fitness."

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Mass Comm plans annual career forum

Mark Blevins
Staff Writer

The College of Mass Communication will hold its second annual Spring Forum Wednesday with hopes of providing a link between students and their careers.

"The Future and You, A Day for Students" is the title of the forum to be held in the Mass Comm building. Mass Comm classes will be cancelled for the event.

"The benefits for students are two-fold," according to Spring Forum Committee Chairman and Recording Industry Assistant Professor Doug Mitchell.

"First, [students] get to hear what it is employers are expecting of them when they graduate. Second, the speakers and panelists are working professionals and can tell students how they got there," he said.

Mitchell said the focus is also on new technologies because they are changing rapidly, especially in mass media.

"I'm hoping to speak to people who are in the field I'm choosing and find out what kind of jobs are there, what kinds of skills are needed, and to just be able to network and make informal contacts," Michelle Dorfman, Recording Industry student, said.

Twenty-four panels and seminars are scheduled in the areas of Journalism, Radio/TV

and Recording Industry as well as 11 exhibits and presentations.

Special speaker Sander Vanocur, current holder of MTSU's Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies and ABC news anchor, will speak at 1 p.m. and again at 3:30 p.m. on the topic of "Privacy and the Press."

"Last year, 30 or 40 students came up to me and said, 'I never realized that I need to do this and this or how important this and this is,'" Mitchell said. "It's going to be a very informative thing."

Professor of Journalism and administrator in the development office Dr. Ed Kimbrell offered some advice for students at the forum.

"Quit being shy," he said. "You have to have enough belief in yourself and self-esteem to push your own cause."

"You have to say 'Hi, I want a career in TV news and what do I need to do,'" Kimbrell said.

Kimbrell summarized his tips: Be assertive but not aggressive, make sure you know what you are talking about before you say something, dress in a professional manner and make the effort to network.

"It's a great big network-fest," Mitchell said. "I encourage all students [not just Mass Comm majors] to attend," Mitchell said.

A complete list of events should be available in the Mass Comm building today. ■

Rec...

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Hanley added that the facility will require 100 to 200 people to run it, and that most of these positions will provide jobs for students.

The building, which will have no classes or university sporting events, will also include: 6 racquetball courts, 6 basketball courts, a cardiovascular room with exercise equipment, a wellness center with weights and exercise equipment, an indoor running track, dance and aerobic

studios, 4 outdoor sand volleyball courts, rental of recreational equipment, a sun deck and administrative offices for Campus Recreation, according to Hanley.

"It will be nice for the students to finally have a place of their own for recreation, said MTSU senior John Hogan. "Although I won't get to enjoy it, I'm glad the university is doing this for the students." ■

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CAMPUS CAPSULE

Today

Tau Omicron Society presents All-Sing 1994 at 7 p.m. at Murphy Center. Admission is \$4 at the door and \$3.50 in advance in the KUC.

Kappa Alpha Psi will host a golf tournament at Smyrna National Golf Course.

An International Tea will be held at the JUB Hazlewood Dining Room from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.. Food will be provided by Soroptimist International.

The Society for Human Resource Management will be meeting at 4 p.m. in Peck Hall - room 326. Brad Schranek will speak on recruiting and interviewing employees. Officer elections will also be held.

The joint session of the SGA Congress will be held in the KUC-room 324 at 4:30 p.m. U.S. Representative, Bart Gordon will be the speaker.

Sample teas from around the world provided by MTSU international students in the JUB Hazelwood Dining Room from 9-11:30 a.m. Food will be provided by the Soroptimists Internaional.

Mr. Frank Couch will present a lecture on the aspects of Thomas Nelson's international operation in the KOM-room 221, from 10:50-12:05 p.m.

Friday, April 8

Kappa Alpha Psi is holding a public forum with Mary Scales as the guest speaker.

Saturday, April 9

Karen Howell, coordinator for Professional Development, is offering the first AutoCAD workshop today, April 16 and 23. The computer aided drafting and design workshop is being co-sponsored by industrial studies. Dr. Ahad Nasab, industrial studies, will be instructing the course.

MYSU's Fine Arts Department will sponsor a Cultural Street Festival from 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Allures of the festival will include music, food, displays and lots of music from reggae to Irish traditional and contemporary, as well as funk and acoustic folk. For more details or reservations call 898-2551.

Monday, April 11

Pi Sigma Epsilon is selling ice cream and cookies at Prck Hall and the KUC courtyard today and tomorrow from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call Stephen Fields at 893-6015 for more details.

The Placement and Student Employment Center is sponsoring a Career Placement Orientation from 2-4:30 p.m. in the KUC-room 324, for seniors and graduate students only. Contact Mrtha Turner at 898-2500 for more details.

Ongoing

The whitewater canoe and kayak trip on the Obed Scenic River System will be held April 16-17. Students pay \$15 and guests pay \$20. Transportation and equipment are provided. The trip is limited to 10 people. The sign up deadline is April 11. For more details contact Campus Recreation in the AMG- room 201 at 898-2104.

The student chapter of of the National Assoc. of Environmental Professionals will hold meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month and also Monday March 21 and April 4 at 5 p.m. in WPS room 201. Contact Leonard Walther at 731-1684 for more details.

Anyone who had a photograph made for Midlander in Dec. or Jan., and have not yet received proofs, please call 1-800-654-8810.

The Bhakti-Yoga/Vegetarian Club meets every Monday from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Everyone is invited. Contact Jonathan Maxwell at 898-3801 for more details.

The Society of Environmental Professionals will meet at 5 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Wiser-Patton Science Building, room 201. New members are welcome. Contact Leonard Walther at 731-1684 for more details.

Applications are now being accepted for the Outstanding Student Organizations Advisor Award. They are available in KUC 122. Deadline for entry is April 4. Contact 898-2454 for more details.

The Crisis Intervention Center needs crisis call volunteers. The next training class starts April 22. Call 298-3359 for more information.

"Paintbrush Diplomacy: KIds Art From The Americas" is currently on display at The Children's Discovery House Museum through March. The Discovery House is a "Hands-On" Museum dedicated towards excellence in Education.

MTSU Student Ambassador applications are available and now being accepted for membership. This is a service organization that serves as hosts and hostesses for university activities. Applications can be picked up in the Public Relations office in Cope-room 205. Deadline for returning applications is April 8.

Parent and child canoe trip on the Stones River sponsored by Capus Recreation will take place on April 22. The cost is \$5 per parent and child. Transportation and equipment will be provided. Sign up deadline is April 18. For more information contact Campus Recreation at ext. 2104.

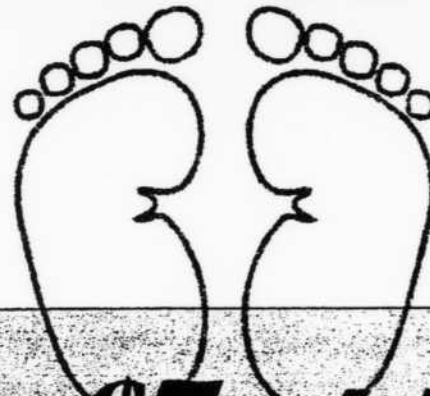
Whitewater Raft trip on the Ocoee River will take place April 30 - May 1. The cost will be \$30 per student and \$35 per non student. Transportation and equipment will be provided. Space is limited to 25 participants. Sign up deadline is April 25. For more information contact Campus Recreation at ext. 2104.

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Business/Aerospace building a step closer to construction

Deanna Snowden
Staff Writer

Plans are being finalized for next fall's ground breaking of the new MTSU Business and Aerospace building.

The building will be approximately 103,000 square feet in size and will be located between Cummings and Corlew Halls. Sixteen percent of the building will accommodate the Aerospace Department and 70-75 percent will house the College of Business. Construction is expected to take 18 months to two years.

"We are excited and delighted about this new facility," said Dr. Barbara Haskew, dean of the College of Business. "We are working closely with the architects to make sure the building can incorporate the necessary technology to provide a better environment for business, as well as aerospace, students."

"The building will

accommodate 130 business faculty," Haskew continued. "We will be able to address new programs and new ways of teaching."

"This will be a very flexible building, and with the wiring and fiber-optics, the facility will still be relevant 20 years from now"

Dr. Barbara Haskew
Dean of the College of Business

"This will be a very flexible building, and with the wiring and fiber-optics, the facility will still be relevant 20 years from now," she added.

The new aerospace facility will provide the necessary room to expand several existing programs and to add new technological features to their existing programs.

At the new location, they will have an aviation simulator lab, an air traffic control

program, a computer lab, a weather simulator, an FAA teaching room which will may be expanded to include NASA, a new aerospace technical lab featuring wind and smoke tunnels, and an aviation archives center to house their archives collection.

"We have no space where we are now, in the basement of Alumni Memorial Gym," according to Ron Farrar, head of the Aerospace Department.

The construction is part of the MTSU Master Plan. The university is working with Swensson and Associates architects in Nashville to develop plans for the facility. Potential floor plans and the beginning arrangements are currently in progress, Haskew said.

The building is tentatively scheduled to open in fall 1996.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for next fall. ■

Journalism department gets new chair in July

Kellie Russ
Staff Writer

Dr. Jan Quarles will officially accept her new position as the Chair of Journalism in the College of Mass Communications July 1.

Quarles' credentials consist of 18 years experience in public relations and journalism. Her professional background includes approximately six years as an associate professor, lecturer, and course coordinator at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Australia.

"She's the type of person we've been looking for," said Dr. Al Nagy, interim chair of the Department of Journalism. Nagy has filled the position on a temporary basis for two years.

"I have been an administrator for about 13 years, but it will come

to an end soon," Nagy said regarding his replacement by Quarles. Nagy will return to teaching when Quarles assumes her duties.

"I feel that they have been dragging their feet in choosing someone to fill the position," said Mass Comm minor Karrie Fann. "Just one year was too long to leave [the chair] vacant," Fann said.

Quarles received her doctorate in communications from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and has acquired ten years of teaching experience. She has worked for two newspapers and served as a national and international communications consultant.

She is currently employed as an assistant public relations professor for Towson State University in Baltimore, Maryland. ■

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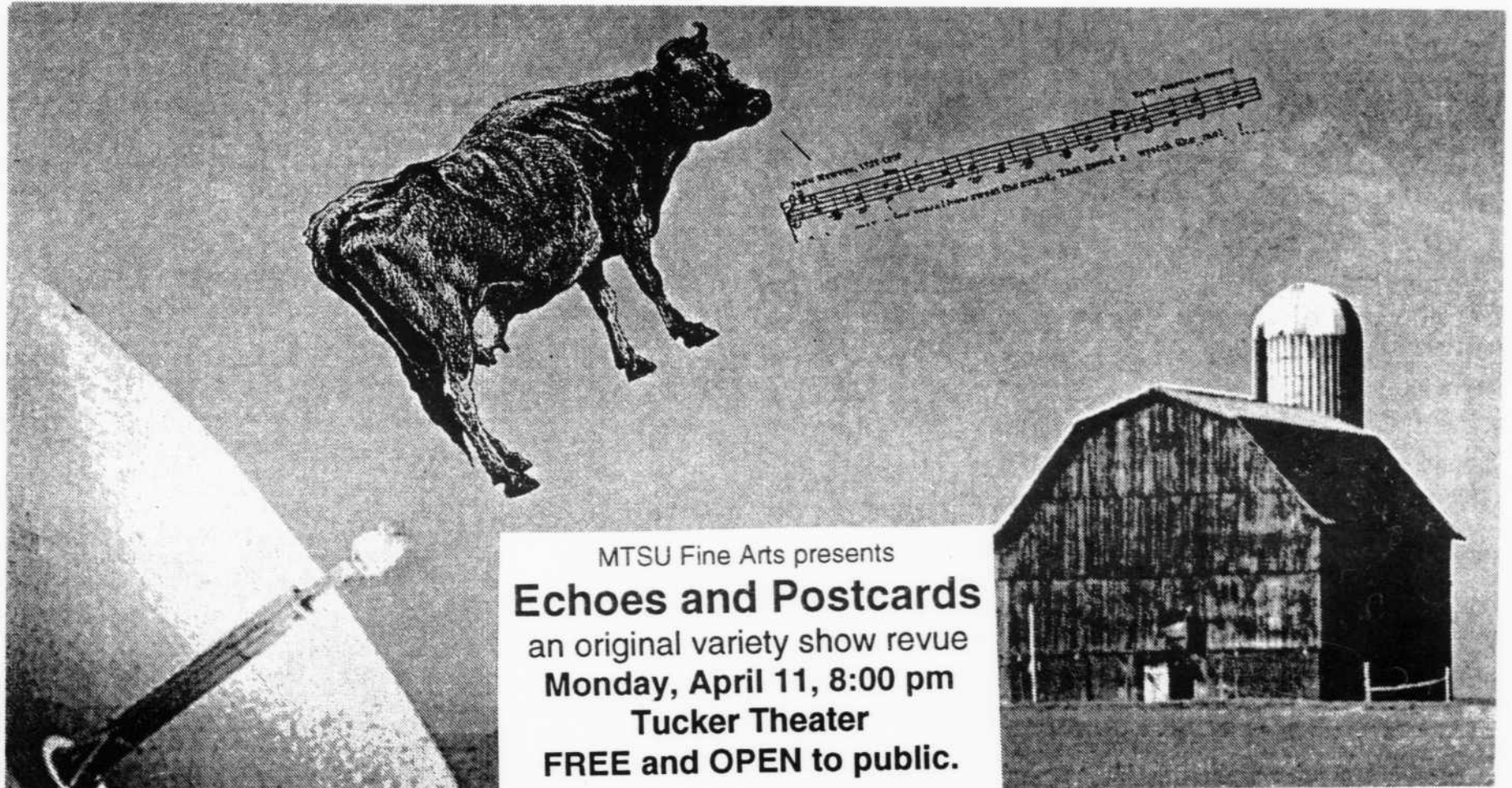
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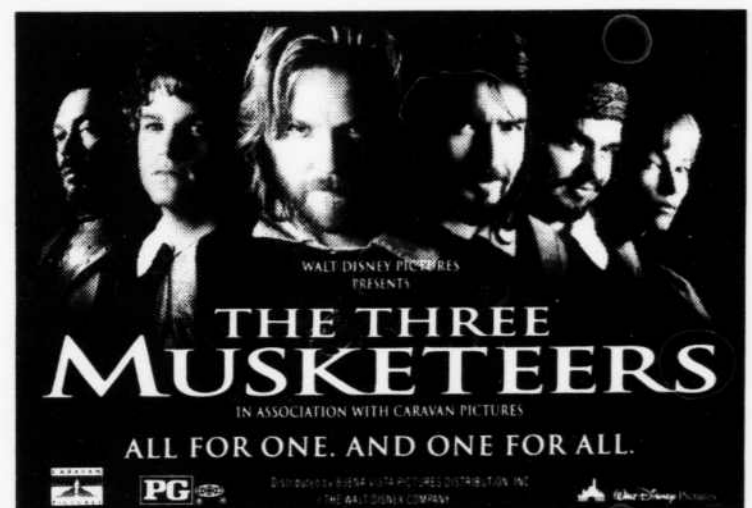



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Singer Lawrence
arrested in shooting

LEBANON, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer Tracy Lawrence admits he was wrong in firing shots from an unregistered .357-caliber Magnum, but says he wants to "put the occurrence behind me and get on with what I do best — entertain people."

Lawrence, 26, and his brother Stewart Lawrence, 31, were arrested and charged by authorities Monday morning after police were alerted that someone was firing shots on Interstate 40.

"The incident was a very stressful situation and I fully admit I overreacted and didn't handle myself in a proper manner," Lawrence stated Tuesday in a statement from his attorney's office.

Lebanon Police Chief Charles Tomlinson said a call came in about 12:38 a.m. Monday "that someone in a red truck was firing shots."

The truck was stopped about two blocks from the Lawrences' home in Mt. Juliet

and the gun was recovered from the truck.

Lawrence allegedly fired the gun to scare three teenagers, one of whom he said made an obscene gesture towards him and his brother on the interstate.

"In no way did I intend to physically harm any individual," Lawrence said.

He was charged with two counts of aggravated assault, one count of criminally impersonating a government official, and one count of possessing a prohibited weapon. He was released from the Wilson County Jail on \$5,500 bond.

The impersonation charge stems from a fake identification card and badge that police said Lawrence possessed. The card identified him a Capt. Tracy Lawrence of the Stantonville, Tenn., police department.

"Our investigation revealed that there is no Stantonville police department," Tomlinson said.

Lawrence never identified himself as a police officer,

Tomlinson said.

A May 2 hearing for both brothers has been set before General Sessions Judge Robert Hamilton.

Zhirinovsky visits
strip bar in Finland

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the controversial Russian ultranationalist, made headlines Wednesday by visiting a striptease club after laying wreaths on the graves of Finnish presidents.

Zhirinovsky spent 40 minutes Tuesday night at King's Kakadu Club, where he watched a Jamaican woman and a Belarussian woman strip to their G-strings, had a couple of drinks and gave a TV interview.

"He enjoyed the show but said he was tired," said Tom Sjöberg, the club's proprietor. "We're glad he accepted our invitation."

The Jamaican woman came to his table briefly, providing photographers with shots of her from behind and

Zhirinovsky's face from the front.

The pictures and big headlines were splashed across Finnish tabloids, which had reported more sedately on Zhirinovsky's public comments about Russia taking over the Baltic states and dividing Europe into East and West camps again.

Zhirinovsky, a member of parliament, was part of a 21-member Russian delegation at a two-day seminar on the possible admission of Russia into the Council of Europe. He said Russia should not join if it meant promising not to invade the Baltics republics.

Bulgaria recently expelled Zhirinovsky after he suggested the president resign. He was told to leave Slovenia after the drunken behavior of his entourage.

Chattanooga paper
carrier shot on duty

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Three Chattanooga newspaper carriers were shot at in separate incidents

Wednesday as they ran their morning routes in northwest Georgia, police said.

Charles McDonald, 55, was shot when a pellet broke through his driver's side window and lodged in his face near his left cheekbone.

Doctors were afraid to move the pellet for fear of nerve damage, so McDonald said he decided to finish his route and return to the hospital once they arranged for a specialist to treat him.

"To these kids, it was just a joke," McDonald said. "When I was a kid, we use to throw water balloons. We never did hurt anybody. Now, kids throw bricks and shoot guns. What's this city coming to?"

The shots were believed to be from a pellet or BB gun, police said. The cars of two other drivers were hit, but neither carrier was injured.

Catoosa County sheriff's deputies believe the shootings are related.

No arrests have been made.

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History

Beta Gamma Sigma was founded as a national organization in 1913. To establish and maintain an active Beta Gamma Sigma chapter, an institution must be accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, the recognized accrediting agency for undergraduate and masters programs in business and management.

Purpose

Beta Gamma Sigma has three purposes:

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to promote advancement or education in business which is conducted through awards, recognition of outstanding institutions and chapters, and through publication of the Society; and

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Opinions

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Fences difficult for handicapped

When campus improvements are taking place, some amount of inconvenience and patience is to be expected on everyone's part.

So it is with the fences currently being set up all over campus. They were put up as necessities while workers replace and repair water and phone lines. That's fine. I can walk around them.

But not everyone can.

For MTSU's numerous handicapped students, the normally difficult task of navigating campus has become hazardous.

Students in wheelchairs and visually impaired students are having an especially hard time with the fences. Between Peck Hall and the library, students must go way out of their usual way in order to cross the road.

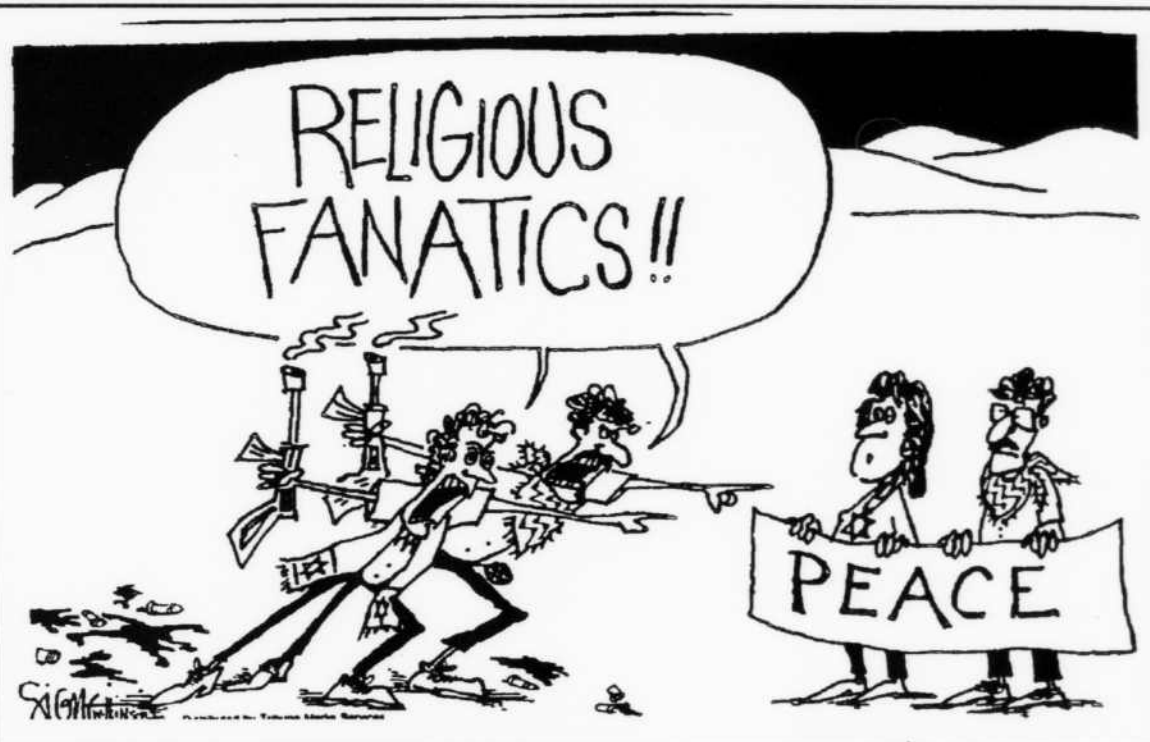
If the fences are absolutely necessary, then alternate routes for handicapped students should be made clearly available.

Visually handicapped students should be notified directly in some way so they may change their routes or allow themselves extra time to get across campus.

A lot of these fences have been put up in the last week, but not that many workmen have been seen working around these sites. The rain may have delayed things somewhat, which is understandable, but why not set up these fences only as they are needed?

People who are traveling on campus in wheelchairs have a much lower level of vision than other students and must have ramps and other accessories.

The planning of these new phases of campus improvements did not seem to take these factors into consideration. Something should be done to make it easier for them. ■



American vandal deserves no protection in Singapore

The Conservative Philosopher

CHRISTINA BASIEL



Certain seemingly trivial events frequently stir our passionate opinions even more than the major issues of the day.

Whether the subject of our intrigue is a celebrity, politician or average "Joe," we always mark a line and choose a side.

The latest debate concerning right and wrong involves an 18-year-old American living in Singapore. This young man was caught, and admitted to, vandalizing street signs and automobiles in his host country. There is no question of the young man's guilt. What is being questioned is the fairness of his punishment.

Unlike in the United States, where societal delinquents are often excused, Singapore simply does not tolerate criminal behavior. In retribution for his actions, the American vandal has been sentenced with a fine of over \$2,000, four months in prison and six lashes with a bamboo stick.

The fine, which is repayment for the damages caused, and the prison sentence, which is equal to approximately one semester at MTSU (just enough time to learn a lesson), have not been questioned. The six lashes have been

questioned as cruel and unusual punishment.

To determine whether or not the lashes are cruel and inhumane, let us first understand the severity of the crime.

Any of you who have had your cars vandalized realize the purely destructive nature of the young adult's actions. Repairs to a damaged vehicle are not only costly, but also inconvenient. For those of us who live on tight economical and chronological budgets, we are victimized not only by the attack on our private property, but also by its repercussions.

Tearing down street signs is a vandalous act with potentially fatal results. Whether they be stop signs or cattle crossing signs, street signs serve an important purpose. The signs warn of potential hazards and regulate traffic in order to prevent minor and major collisions. If a driver were to smash into another driver and kill him because he was unaware of his need to stop, the person who removed that sign would be responsible for that death. Traffic signs are posted to prevent such scenarios.

Vandalism is a spiteful act which serves no purpose. Unless, of course, you consider the joy of destruction to contain a purpose.

Six lashes with a bamboo stick is not at all severe or inhumane. A bamboo stick is less than one half an inch in width and only weighs a few ounces. Of course, six smacks on bare

buttocks renders an excruciating sting and bleeding and scarring are possible; however, the lasting effects are not primarily physical but mental. It is safe to assume that the convicted American will not forget the consequence of his actions and that he is unlikely to repeat them.

The parents of the 18-year-old have appealed to the White House to intervene. Any intervention by our government would not only be inappropriate, it would be a message to the entire world that Americans are not compelled to respect the laws of the countries they visit. Let's face it, folks, if we expect our foreign visitors to abide by our laws, we must abide by theirs.

If you still believe the punishment to be unusually harsh, consider this: Singapore has a significantly lower proportional crime rate than does the United States.

I also have to wonder about the decency of the 18-year-old's parents. Maybe, just maybe, if they had shown more concern for their son's actions than their concern for him to escape discipline, they would not be appealing to an unsympathetic public for clemency. According to the letters and phone calls generated by the sentencing, an overwhelming majority of Americans support Singapore's decision.

Take heed of the old cliché, "If you can't do the time, don't do the crime." ■

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Baseball predictions were way off base

To the Editor:

Basketball was bad enough, but now baseball? Travis Millsaps (the assistant sports editor for *Sidelines*) seems to have no business covering sports. Anyone who picks the Cubs to win their division definitely seems to be undeserving to present his views to this campus. Let's face it. He knows as much about sports as Bill Clinton knows about Whitewater. I mean the closest he has ever been to crossing home plate was dusting it off during a Little League game. The next thing he will probably write will say that the Atlanta Braves are not the biggest fluke in baseball. Travis, wise up everyone knows that Baltimore is the team to beat this year.

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Teachers contributed to film minor courses

To the Editor:

Thank you for your April 1 article on Dr. Holtzclaw and the new minor in film studies. Those of us at MTSU interested in film were pleased that you helped to get the word out about a program not yet listed in the catalog. It did, however, contain errors which should be corrected.

Mr. Sparks' piece had me as the driving force behind the creation of film studies in the Fall of 1992 ("But Lavery wanted more...") Since I did not come to MTSU until August 1993 (Sparks refers to me correctly as the new chair of English), I obviously could not have had anything to do with the development of a program that became official in the spring of 1993—five months before I arrived.

English Department faculty like Dr. William Connelly (then director of Upper Division English), Dr. Angela Hague, Professor Tom Harris, Dr. Will Brantley, Dr. Charisse Gendron, and Dr. Holtzclaw, as well as faculty from other departments teaching film courses in the new minor—Dr. Robert Rucker (Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work), Dr. Jack Purcell (Philosophy), Dr. David Badger

(Journalism), Dr. June McCash (Foreign Languages and Literatures)—all made substantial contributions to the new minor. They were its driving force and deserve all the credit. Thanks to them, MTSU students have a fascinating new interdisciplinary minor available.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
David Lavery
Professor and Chair

Students might vote if issues discussed

To the Editor:

Regarding "Vote results show students apathetic" ...please, *Sidelines*. You jump so readily to the conclusion that the lack of my vote indicates disinterest on my part.

In truth, I was rather interested in the SGA elections. I do, in fact, consider voting, in any form, to be a privilege. Why, then, did I fail to cast my ballot?

The answer lies in the fact that voting is also a responsibility. And I as a voter did not feel prepared to undertake that responsibility.

Maybe that is my fault. Maybe. But somehow, disingenuous campaigning techniques such as hanging bedsheets from the KUC roof and sloganeering with such insipid phrases as "It's time for a change," are not sufficient to inform me as a voter.

I, along with surely a sizeable portion of the student body, had numerous candidates thrust white "Vote for me" badges in my face, while assuring me they would certainly "appreciate my vote." Yeah, whatever. I may as well walk to the polls, roll the dice, and vote accordingly.

Until the SGA and its campaigning candidates find a way to convincingly share their concerns and intentions with the student body, beyond such "pressing issues" as extended library hours during final exams week, they can continue to count on "voter apathy."

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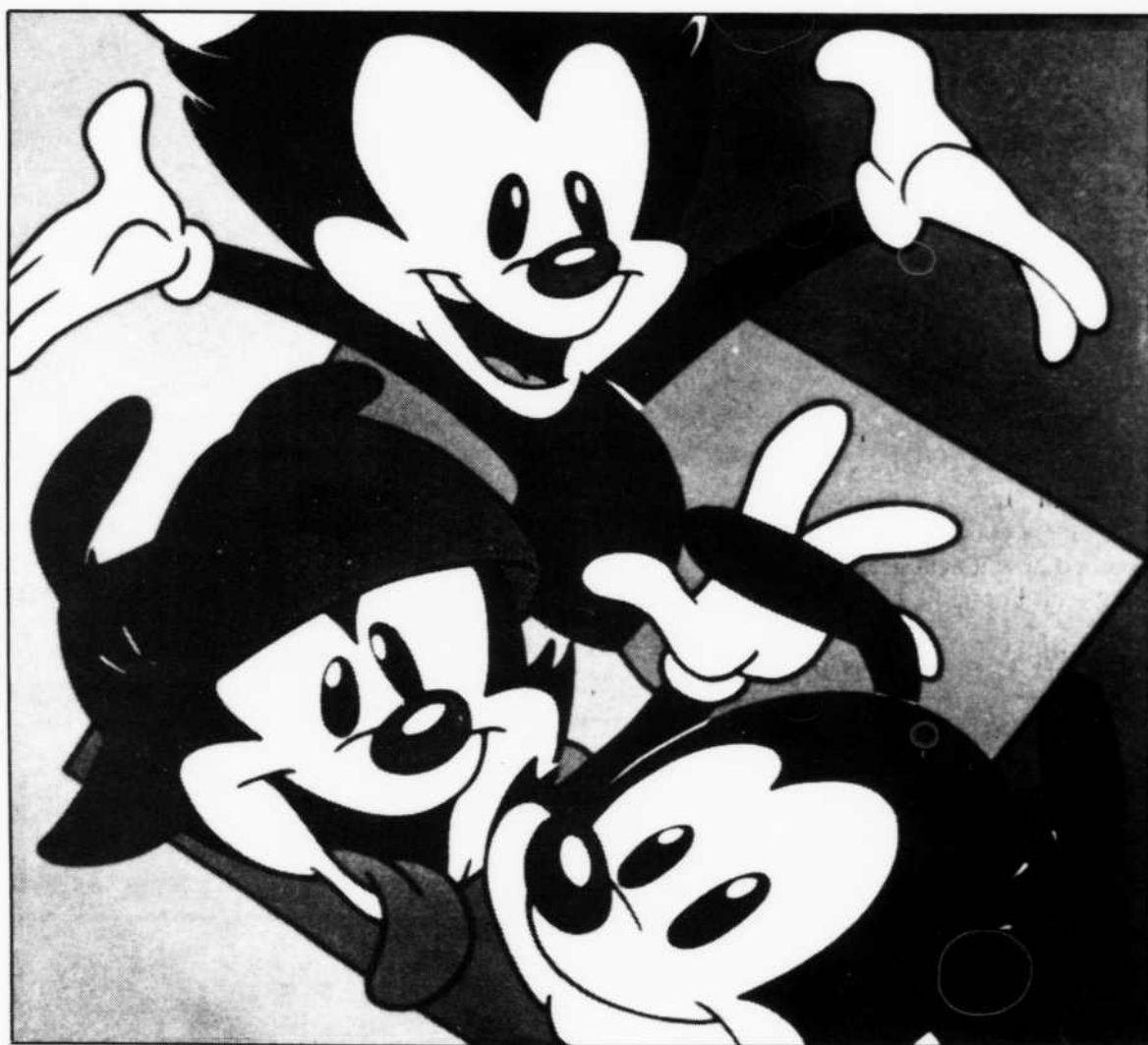
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'There's baloney in our slacks'

Yakko, Wakko and Dot take it home on Animaniacs

Mike Reed
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Before this review goes any further it must be stated matter of factly: "Animaniacs" is far and away the best cartoon series on television today. The reason for its success is simple: despite the fact that the show has been on the air for less than a year, the main characters ("Warner Brothers" Yakko and Wakko, along with "Warner sister" Dot) have a history that predates Bugs, Elmer and Daffy.

One of the revolving openings to the show is a black and white "Movietoon News" reel. It tells the story of the early days of the Warner Animation Department located in a rickety building affectionately known as "Termite Terrace" (a true fact). An unnamed animator created three characters (the Warner siblings) who were so zany and wild that the actual Warner brothers (Harry, Jack and Sam) could not control them. Their films were declared too strange for viewing and locked in a vault for more than 50 years.

The cartoon trio was captured, after turning the Warner Studio lot into a madhouse, and placed in the water tower on the lot for safekeeping. The reel finishes with the ominous phrase: "Warner Brothers has disavowed

any knowledge of Yakko, Wakko and Dot. Until now."

The three sibs look like animation stars of the 40s. Their species is indistinguishable. Their bodies are black, their faces are white and their noses are red. They have long tails and ears. The animation is excellent. The black features on their white faces allow for a great deal of expression. The trio are children who have 50 years of life experience. The result is a comedic team with the physicality of "The Little Rascals" and the wit, wisdom and comedic timing of the Marx Brothers.

Even the format of the show is a throwback to a different era. There seems to be no formula to it. One day it will have three cartoon shorts with some quick filler comedy blackouts, the next show will be one cartoon that lasts for the full half hour, and still the next show will be a musical parody of some film or theatrical style.

Nearly every episode is filled with belly laughs. The trio inevitably escapes from the tower and wreaks havoc around the studio until they are caught again. In true Warner Brothers fashion, there are caricatures of actual stars and historical figures around the studio to act as straight people for the Warner's biting wit.

In one episode set during the Renaissance, Michelangelo, who looks and sounds just like Kirk Douglas, is having trouble getting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel finished in time for the pope's visit. Enter the Warner siblings. They keep "Mike" busy picking out wallpaper patterns and appliances for "his bungalow" while they paint the ceiling with depictions of bull fighters, big-eyed children and Elvis.

"What have you done?" screams Michelangelo.

"Oh no," says Dot. "He likes the young Elvis."

"We had a heckuva time covering up those naked people," adds Yakko.

When the artist shows the three a sketch of what the ceiling should look like, they're shocked.

"I wouldn't be flashing those pictures around if I were you, Mike," Yakko advises. "This is a church, you know."

When the trio aren't toying with some grownups, they are singing. The songs are fast, entertaining and, believe it or not, educational.

Yakko sings a song in which he names every country on the globe. As he sings, he dances and points to the country's location on the map.

Wakko has a similar song about the states and their capitals.

The genuine Warner Bros. have released several of these tunes on compact disc. The orchestration is very close to Carl Stallings' original recordings.

The wackiness doesn't stop there. The show also has a plethora of new characters that adds to the appeal immensely.

The Goodfeathers are a trio of New York City pigeons who are caricatures of Ray Liotta, Robert DeNiro and Joe Pesci. The pigeons, Squit, Bobby and Pesto, are tough birds that stick together. In one cartoon entitled "West Side Pigeons," the three get into a rumble with the sparrows over turf. The cartoon is a parody of "West Side Story," complete with music and dance numbers. The turf is a statue of filmmaker Martin Scorsese.

"You could only perch on Scorsese's head if you were a Goodfeather," Squit explains.

In the end the statue is destroyed by the off-pitch cooing of the Goodfeathers, but Bobby notes: "There's a statue of Coppola down the block."

Some of the most entertaining cartoons involve Pinky and The Brain, two lab mice who live and work at Acme Labs. Through

genetic experiments, Brain has become superintelligent. Unfortunately, his companion Pinky has gotten proportionately less smart.

Brain has a Napoleon complex. Almost every episode starts out with Pinky asking the inevitable question, "What are we going to do tonight, Brain?"

Brain responds in a voice that rings of barely restrained fury: "The same thing we do every night, Pinky. Try to take over the world."

Every episode involves complex, elaborate plots for world domination. They range from stopping Big Ben at 4 p.m. so that all of England will be in perpetual tea time, to becoming country singer "Billy Joe Jim Bob Brain" and using subliminal messages to convert the populace into docile sheep ripe for conquest. The plots, of course, always fail, but they fail in unexpected and amusing ways.

In one episode, Brain tries to become president by following H. Ross Perot's plan. He breaks into "Larry Kling Live" to announce his candidacy. He is completely honest about being a mouse and about his plans to rule the Earth. People like him. At a big convention (which is covered by a

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'Please don't take my Air Jordans'

Reg E. Gaines offers hate, and truth, on new CD

Jason Sparks
Senior Writer

Soon, *Newsweek* or *Time* will run this article: "Return of the Spoken Word." They will talk about Henry Rollins, they will again try to discuss slackers, and they may even mention an album by one Reg E. Gaines, titled *Please Don't Take My Air Jordans*. It would be a mistake, but at the same time, it wouldn't be.

Jordans is an angry album, every one of its 18 tracks attacking some facet of the Black experience with which Gaines has taken issue. Unfortunately, I cannot see how any listener, of any race, will be able to support all of these sentiments.

For instance, we can all be down with "Loaded .45," an attack on the dangers of malt liquor and how it is targeted at Blacks (you know, like Public Enemy expressed years ago on "One Million Bottlebags.") Gaines condemns "n—s like Ice Cube sellin' St. Ides and yellin' 'F— Tha Police' / when all he wants/ is a bigger piece/ of the pie!"

And most of us can agree

with "I Wanna Be Just Like John Gotti," a tirade on the racism in neighborhoods like Bensonhurst and Bed-Stuy, and the residents who periodically kill Blacks and Hispanics to protect their "Pepperoni slice of the American Dream." Why Pepperoni? Bensonhurst is, as we learned in "Do The Right Thing," predominantly Italian.

If you happen to be one of the 99.9% of Italians in this country who don't regularly kill minorities for entering your neighborhood, you may take umbrage at being generalized. But who asked you?

There are tracks on the album that I think—I hope—I pray there will be little agreement with, most notably an unforgivable piece called "100 Years 2 Late." The title refers to a Black man dating a white woman, born 100 years too late to be lynched for the horrible crime of doing whatever he damn well pleases. It ends: "Let's KILL the m——r!" Great idea, Reg; Maybe some Klansmen would be willing to help. I say this not out of Political Correctness, or any of that crap:

there is no place for this song.

Nor is there a hell of a lot of place for "My-A-Y-A Write Dat Poem," questioning Maya Angelou for reading her poem at the inauguration, or for "Taken Out at the Ball Game," an attack on Jesse Jackson and corporate advancement.

Better to skip to "Watermelon, Lox & Bagels," which asks for unity between Blacks and Jews, and actually displays some wit: "We need some Kosher Spareribs," Gaines says, as a trumpet in the background plays bars from the *Fiddler On The Roof* song "Tradition." Or, skip to "Home Alone" and "Great Expectations," respectively about homelessness and rape; Gaines uses his potent words on these tracks to address real problems, rather than muster hate.

There's a line in "Watermelon" that goes something like this: "Do words hurt? Do words fight? Whether wrong or right, they're just words." I dare say words do hurt; when you're white, and people tell you it's a Black thing and you wouldn't



Reg E. Gaines

understand, and you want more than anything and are trying every day to understand, they hurt like hell.

But, then, it probably hurts just as much to hear this: "Oh, don't get me wrong. There are Black people, and there are..."

Yeah, it probably hurts a bit more, actually. That's why it won't entirely be a mistake to mention *Please Don't Take My Air Jordans*.

Except for "100 Years," We've probably got it coming to us. ■

Rocky Horror to play MTSU after 5-year ban on cult film

James Hanback
Staff Writer

Get the squirt guns and costumes ready, "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is back on campus.

The motion picture spoof was banned from KUC Theatre five years ago due to problems controlling the crowd.

However, Adam Kroger of the MTSU Film Committee says the movie will be shown this weekend and Monday.

"I begged and I pleaded," he says of his efforts to allow the movie to be shown again. "I did everything I could."

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is the biggest draw of any film ever shown at KUC, according to Kroger.

"We've had six or eight major motion pictures here this semester," he explains. "but not many people are showing up for them."

Kroger cites the failure of Jean Claude Van Damme's "Hard Target" at KUC Theatre as an example.

"We don't get enough publicity," he adds.

But "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is not just any film. During most showings, the audience participates by squirting water guns during rain scenes, singing the songs and dressing as their favorite

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show is the biggest draw of any film ever shown at KUC."

—Adam Kroger
MTSU Film Committee

characters from the movie.

Kroger warns, however, that some staples of viewing will not be permitted by KUC, like throwing rice, meat by-products and vegetables.

"It's too hard to clean those things up," he explains, "but they can bring squirt guns and newspapers."

Kroger also points out that there will be no live performance of the film while it is showing at KUC.

A live performance of the film while it is showing is another one of the film's traditions. A group of actors dresses up as the characters on the screen and at out each scene, lip-syncing the words.

Kroger himself has played the part of Riff-Raff, a hunchback servant in the castle where two young newlyweds decide to spend the night, at showings of the film in Franklin Cinema.

According to Kroger, Franklin has the only other theater in Tennessee that shows the film.

"Maybe if we get some support and a lot of people show up, we will do a live performance the next time we show it," Kroger said.

The 15-year-old cult film stars Tim Curry as Dr. Frank N. Furter, the transvestite from Transsexual, Transylvania, singer Meat Loaf and Susan Sarandon.

It will be shown Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. and Monday at 6:30 and 9 p.m. ■

Animaniacs...

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dead-ringer Wolf Blitzer caricature), he appears in public for the first time. His plans backfire when everyone realizes he is a real mouse. He and Pinky retire to their cage at Acme Labs and start working on tomorrow night's plan.

Slappy Squirrel is a character who answers the question: What happens to old retired cartoon stars? In Slappy's case, they live with their nephew Skippy and talk about the good old days. Slappy was supposedly a star in the 30s and 40s. Now she is an old grey creature who is cranky and outspoken. She still has enemies (cartoon characters don't die, they just retire to the country) who plot revenge against her for all the guff she gave them over the years, but Slappy knows comedy and is quick with the dynamic. Her performance is dotted with asides about the old days.

"Why, that's my old enemy Robert T. Bassett," she says, spying the aging canine. "He starred with me in 'Stinkbomb Slappy' in 1943, directed by Marvin Lute."

In "Woodstock Slappy," she and Skippy decide to summer in the country to get away from the

"bad influences" of the 60s.

She has a summer cottage located in a tree in Woodstock, New York. All she wants is some peace and quiet. The next morning there are more than 300,000 people on her lawn. In the end, she drives them away by getting on stage and playing polka music.

"Animaniacs" also employs some celebrity voice artists. Tom Bodett (of Alaska Public Radio and "Motel 6" commercials) appears on some comedy blackouts and shorts, and Bernadette Peters is the voice of Rita, a homeless cat who sings almost every episode.

The real strength in this program lies in the reassuring message it sends to children. For example, the song entitled "Yakko's Universe" demonstrates, as only the world of animation can, how vast the universe truly is. The chorus explains, "Although we don't know how we got here/ we're an important part here/ it's a big universe and it's us."

"Animaniacs" is a Steven Spielberg production and airs on the Fox network at 4 p.m. weekdays. ■

Sports



Sounds Good!



Charles Hogue, sta

SHORT TO FIRST.... He's out as Clay Snellgrove tosses the ball to first to get a runner out and complete a double play Monday night. MTSU lost to the Nashville Sounds 6-2 in an exhibition game. Snellgrove also scored one of MTSU's runs.

Blue Raiders give Sounds a run for their money

Travis Millsaps
Assistant Sports Editor

At the end of four innings Monday night at Reese Smith Stadium, it looked like MTSU's baseball team could pull off an upset of the Triple-A Nashville Sounds, as they sported a 2-1 lead.

However, the Sounds struck for four runs in the fifth inning, on the way to a 6-2 victory.

Playing before a capacity crowd of 1,527, it looked like the Blue Raiders might be able to win the seven-inning exhibition. And it didn't take long for MTSU to strike. After starting pitcher Jason Stanton put the Sounds down in order in the top of the first, MTSU plated two runs in the bottom of the inning — although it took a little help.

With one out, Clay Snellgrove hit a shot to right field that went off the second baseman's glove and then got past the outfield, allowing Snellgrove to advance to third.

Mudcat Brewer then followed with a towering shot to the outfield that Nashville center fielder Gary Thurman could not hold onto, which allowed Snellgrove to score and Brewer advanced to third on the play.

Then Jamie Walker picked up a run batted in when Brewer scored on his ground out to second.

"We got off to a good start," said MTSU head coach Steve Peterson. "They misplayed a fly ball and we took advantage, and for a while there, things were looking pretty good."

Unfortunately for MTSU that would be the only inning in which they would manage to score.

While MTSU began to struggle at the plate, Stanton was doing a good job keeping the pro hitters off balance. He allowed two hits, one run (which was unearned), struck out two, and walked only one in three innings of work.

"I was trying to hit my spots," said Stanton. "That's what I try against anybody. I'll admit I was nervous when I

found out I was pitching, but coach said to go at it the same way I would any other game.

"I'd have to say I was surprised because I thought they would hit me more than they did. But I got my curveball working in the pen before the game and was able to bring it in to the mound."

Nashville made its comeback when MTSU reliever Chris Rickman had control problems in the fifth inning. The Sounds scored four runs in the inning with the help of four walks, a wild pitch, and a passed ball.

Rickman left the game, having given up two hits, four runs, four base-on-balls, and no strike-outs in 1 2/3 innings of work.

Other pitchers in the contest were Patrick Mayes and Dale Graham. Mayes went 1 1/3 innings, giving up one hit and striking out one, while Graham pitched one inning allowing one run and walking three.

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'The chance of a lifetime'

Blue Raider players, fans enjoy shot at Sounds

Travis Millsaps
Assistant Sports Editor

If there was one feeling going around Reese Smith Stadium Monday night when MTSU played the Nashville Sounds in an exhibition contest, it was excitement.

The excitement was both on the field and in the stands as the game between the Blue Raiders and the Sounds took place. With over 1,500 fans in attendance, it appeared that everyone left extremely pleased.

"I was really happy the Murfreesboro community turned out," said MTSU head coach Steve Peterson. "It speaks well of our program and of the University. We had a good night and a good crowd. They were in the game, got excited, and saw a good ball game."

The fundraiser generated around \$15,000 for the MTSU baseball club to build a new clubhouse and training center.

"This was the chance of a lifetime. Some of us may never get the chance to play against professional ball players again."

-- Jamie Hicks
MTSU catcher

lifetime," said senior catcher Jamie Hicks. "Some of us may never get the chance to play against professional ball players again. It is a big honor to play against those people, and I thought we played pretty well."

"Pro teams coming to a college doesn't happen. I thought it showed a lot of class for them to come down and help us out with our fundraiser," Hicks said.

If people thought the Sounds would take it easy on the college team, they were wrong. Nashville kept their starting fielding line-up in for the entire game and pitched highly-touted Robert Ellis, who is considered one of the top 100 minor league prospects by

Baseball America. In fact, the Blue Raiders used more players in the contest than the Sounds did.

"We needed to have the guys play together," said Sounds manager Rick Renick. "We haven't had them very long and we needed to get them out as a team."

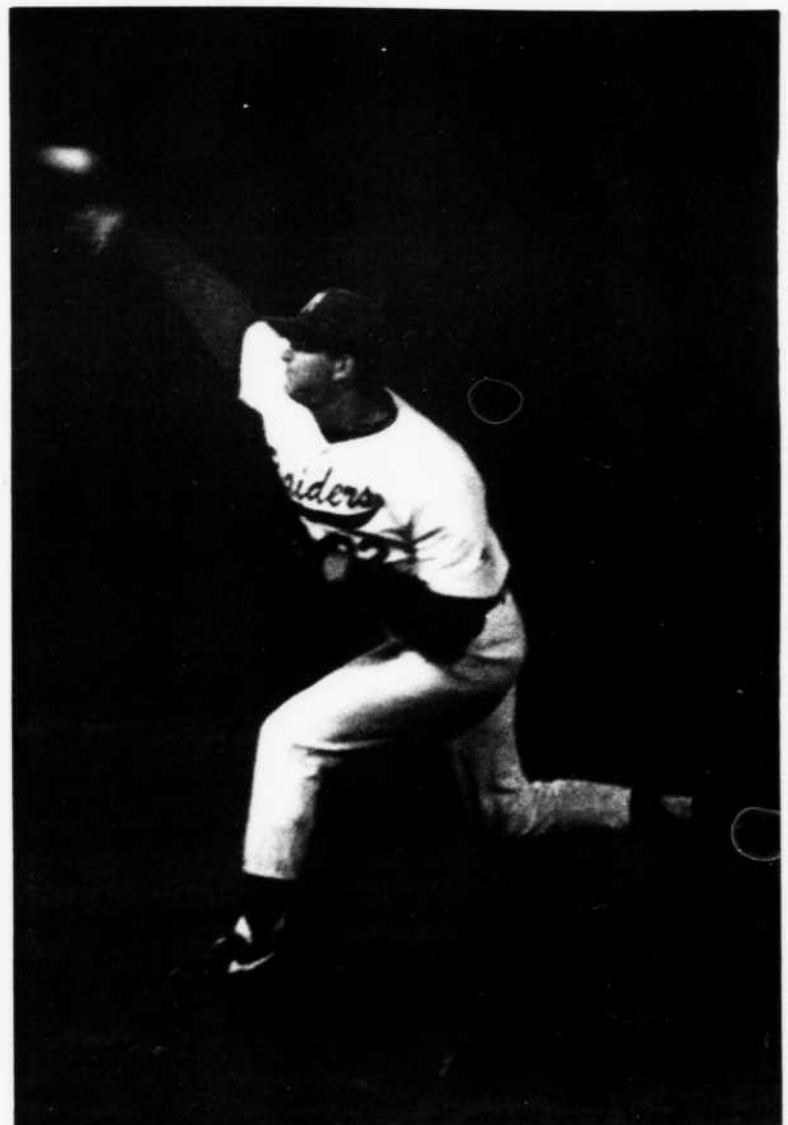
MTSU president Dr. James Walker, who threw out the first pitch of the contest, said he enjoyed the night.

"It's been a great game," said Walker. "We're very pleased to have the Sounds come play here. It really means a lot to MTSU baseball and all of the fans seemed to enjoy it."

Many students in the stands also seemed to have fun at the contest.

"It has been a good game and they didn't stomp us," said Kara Fann, who is a regular at MTSU contests. "It is nice to see a big crowd. It is a good change."

The next fundraiser for the team will be an auction at Toot's Restaurant later in the month. ■



Charles Hogue, staff

HERE'S THE PITCH: Dale Graham of MTSU delivers the pitch during Monday's game.

Lady Raider softball team sweeps series

Staff Reports

MTSU continued a successful second softball season Monday afternoon, sweeping a double-header from Carson-Newman at MTSU.

The Lady Raiders won the first game of the day 2-1 and the second game 3-2. They upped their record to 20-16 on the season.

With the score 1-1 in the fourth inning of the first game, MTSU was able to break the tie. With Jennifer Fine on second base, Charlotte Peay hit a single to right field. Fine rounded third and headed home only to see the ball arrive before she did. However, Fine powered her way through the catcher, who dropped the ball, allowing the run to score.

Pitcher Andrea Edwards had her way with the Carson-Newman hitters. After allowing a lead-off home run, she shut the

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MTSU golfers take second at Southern

Staff Reports

The MTSU golf team followed its 15th Tennessee Intercollegiate Championship with a strong second-place finish at the Southern Jr/Sr played last weekend at the Still Waters Resort in Alexander City, Ala.

Sophomores David Reed and Mike Chesser led the charge for MTSU with 54-hole totals of 221 and 222, respectively. Each shot even-par rounds of 72 during the final round to help propel the Blue Raiders past in-state rivals Austin Peay and UT-Chattanooga.

Junior Nick Shelton shook off an opening round 80 to finish at 230, including a 73 on the final day. This follows Shelton's second-place finish (tied with Reed) at the TIC earlier in the week.

Also at 230 was senior Chris Guy. Guy was very solid over the first two rounds and has exhibited fine senior leadership after a

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Barons of Birmingham Double-A executives pull seats from kids

Imagine yourself as a 10-year-old whose basketball idol is Michael Jordan.

Now, imagine getting to see your hero in real life. Sure, it might be in a baseball uniform, but nevertheless, it's in real life.

That's what had to be going through the minds of a portion of some 5,000 kids that live in Birmingham, Ala. where Jordan has been assigned to the Double-A affiliate of the Chicago White Sox.

Well before anyone knew, or even speculated for that matter, the Barons gave out 5,000 passes to school kids in the area for Sunday's baseball game with Knoxville. Each pass is good for five fans, meaning the possibility of 25,000 people showing up.

That spelled one big problem being that Hoover Metropolitan Stadium seats 15,000 max.

So what did Baron officials do? They took the sucker right out of the kids' mouths by notifying them that their passes were no longer of value for the game.

To make up for the change, the tickets will be good for any one of 26 selected home games between April 11 and June 25. However, there will be no guarantee that Jordan will be there.

All in all, it sounds like a pretty fair trade. Sure, the nation is



Tony J.
Arnold
Sports Editor

scowling because the children had something taken away, and rightfully so. Birmingham knew a week ago that Jordan was coming, yet they waited til mid-week to announce the news to the kids. They also knew of the possibility that Jordan could become a member of the team at least a month ago. Yet, apparently, no thought was given to the fact that they might have, no, they would have had, 25,000 people show up.

In their defense, the tickets needed to be pulled. Perhaps someone caught word of a screw up at Vanderbilt over a year ago and decided to take action?

At some point during the 1992-93 women's basketball campaign, a free pass was given out good for admission to one Vandy women's basketball game. Low and behold, during the SEC slate, Tennessee came to town while the teams were ranked No. 1 and 2 in the nation.

Tickets went like hot cakes, and scalpers were in heaven. But everyone forgot about those free

passes and they began showing up at the gates when the doors were opened at Memorial Gym. Soon, the gym was packed, and several ticket holders were left outside. Needless to say, a riot nearly occurred, and Vandy certainly won't make the same mistake again.

This is a mistake the Barons won't make either, but the kids, regardless of whether they have passes good to other games, were kicked in the knees.

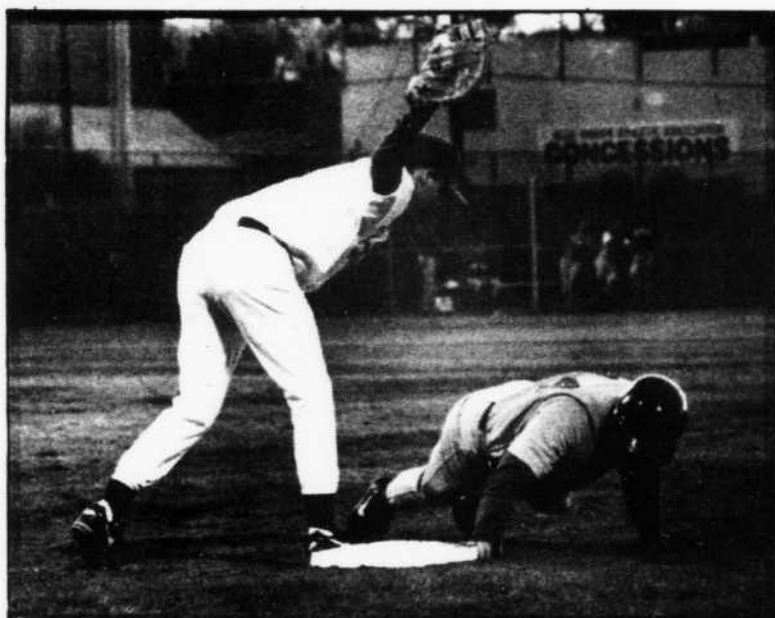
Although they will have a chance to get tickets to a later date, can they?

After it was announced Jordan would be coming, you know ticket sales went through the roof. Heck, look at Nashville and the amount they sold when Jordan had barely had time to swing the bat.

The kids may be able to get tickets, but they may have to wait a while and, by then, Jordan could be gone.

Wouldn't it have made more sense to just announce that the kids' passes would only admit two people? That way the kid could go with one guardian or, if old enough, a friend. That adds up to 10,000 and there's enough seats to hold that.

There is another possibility. (Please see Kids, page 14)



Charles Hogue, staff

I'LL GET THAT FLY: Blue Raider first baseman Craig Reavis isn't about to hit a Nashville Sounds runner. Actually he's following through on a sweep tag after a pick-off attempt.

Sounds...

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"Stanton did a good job for us," Peterson said. "Rickman and Graham hadn't pitched a lot for us, but the effort was there. I was glad to be able to use a lot of players. This was something everyone could enjoy."

After a rough start, Nashville starter Robert Ellis settled down and silenced the Blue Raider bats. He allowed only two hits, two unearned runs, struck out six, and gave up no free passes in six innings.

"We could adjust to his fastball," said MTSU catcher Jamie Hicks, "but we hadn't seen a breaking ball like that at all. That was the big difference. We won't see anything like that the rest of the year."

Ellis, who ranks as the 77th

best minor league prospect according to *Baseball America*, had words of praise for MTSU.

"They swung the bat and were very aggressive," said Ellis. "This main thing (for us) was to get ready for our opener. I'm glad we got to play these guys and I'm glad they played hard. It helped us get ready."

Brian Keyser pitched the seventh inning for the Sounds. He gave up one hit and had zeros in every other department.

Snellgrove, Craig Reavis, and Walker were the only three MTSU batters to get hits. Brewer had one RBI and one run scored.

MTSU's game against Vanderbilt Tuesday afternoon was rained out. The club will be back in action this weekend when it hosts Eastern Kentucky in a crucial Ohio Valley Conference series. MTSU is now 12-11 overall and 2-3 in the OVC. ■

Kids...

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Before selling tickets to games next week, they announced that the kids could redeem their passes in advance and be allowed to get one ticket free with the option of buying up to two more for either Sunday or another game in the Knoxville series. This was shot in the foot when ticket buyers went berserk and bought all the seats after the announcement that Jordan was coming. That's why someone should have stepped in and implemented the kids' options first, before counting his or her dollars.

"I think it's all about bucks," said Dick Atchison of Oak Grove High School. "Michael Jordan is coming and they can now sell tickets. It shouldn't make any difference who is on the roster. The Barons do some good things for kids, but I just think this is

awful. These kids have to feel slighted."

I know I would.

There's no doubt that Jordan will bring in more bucks than any player in Baron history — even if he rides the pine. There's also no doubt that's he's one of the most highly recognized and respected athletes in the history of any sport. But who decides this?

Isn't it the kids that beg their parents to buy 'The shoes'? Isn't it the kids who hang the posters on their wall and dream of having someone hang up theirs someday? A lot of adults act the same way when it comes to sports, but didn't they start as kids too? How many adults do you know that started enjoying sports at 25?

Indeed, the kids are the reason that Michael Jordan is such a star, and they're also stuck paying the biggest price when he makes his baseball debut Sunday. ■

Sweep...

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opposition down.

She did, however, run into a jam in the top of the seventh when Carson Newman was able to get runners on first and third with one out. Edwards then struck-out the next batter before getting the final out to hit into a force-out.

Fine was the big gun at the plate for the Raiders, going 2-for-2 with one run batted in.

In the second contest, MTSU scored single runs in the second, third, and sixth innings on their way to the 3-2 victory.

Peay, Stacy Gafford, and Mandy Biard were the big sticks

for the Lady Raiders in game two. Peay was 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Gafford was 2-for-4 with two triples and an RBI. Biard was 2-of-3.

Fine was the Lady Raider pitcher until the sixth, when Jill Booth came into the contest in relief.

MTSU's contest against Tennessee State University was rained out Tuesday afternoon. They will be back into action this Friday and Saturday when they host the MTSU Invitational. The tournament will take place at the MTSU softball field and will also feature Austin Peay, Troy State and Athens State. ■

Golf...

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start to the spring season.

Sophomore David Head saved the team with an opening round 73. That one-over-par round helped position the Blue Raiders for their strong finish. Head finished his first tournament of the 1994 season at 234.

"I am very pleased with our progress to this point after we had such a struggle at the beginning of the spring," said head coach Johnny Moore.

"We need to carry this momentum into our last three tournaments. The UAC tournament and Vandy's tournament will both have strong fields, while right after that at the end of April is the OVC Championship. We need to continue, and even up our level of play so we can gain the proper confidence going in the OVC Tournament."

The next action for the golf team will be the Ben Brook/Blazer Invitational in Birmingham, Ala. That tournament starts April 13 and runs through the 14th, playing 54 holes. The Blue Raiders will then be in Nashville at Opryland's Springhouse Golf Club for Vanderbilt's Music City Invitational played Apr. 15-17. Admission is free to anyone who would like to see this year's squad. ■

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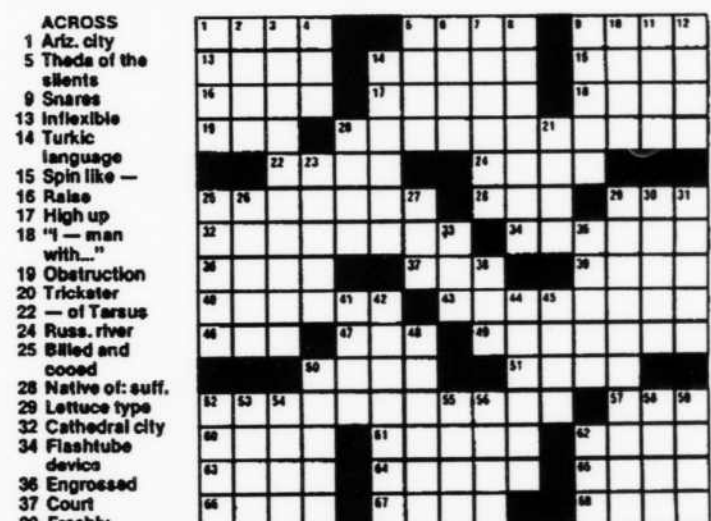
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WHOOOP, THAR IT BE: Vern Blunt gives an impromptu concert Monday afternoon in front of The Grill. He then went to play for the international students organization in the KUC.

International Culture Week shows different backgrounds of students

Esther E. Cuff
Special to Sidelines

The lobby of Keathley University Center was transformed Monday and Tuesday into an international exchange center as International students exhibited clothing, food and artifacts from their native lands in the International Bazaar.

Amy Zhang, senior accounting major, and Kaysone Panyanouvong, freshman pre-pharmacy major, represented Laos at the bazaar. Their exhibits included an authentic silk handmade sarong, a book of their 28-letter alphabet, musical instruments, native flowers, and even a wooden carving of the famous Vientiane Temple in the capitol of Laos.

"The culture in America is different [from Laos]," Panyanouvong said. "There is so much freedom here. It is more civilized here. There is more technology here."

Technology is not the only thing that differs among

nations.

"The Japanese always try to avoid direct expressions," according to Yoshiyuki Suzuki, graduate teaching assistant in psychology. "Americans may say, 'Hey baby, I love you.' Instead, Japanese may say, 'The leaves are falling down,' to show they have waited so long the seasons have changed."

"Here [in America] we say, 'Hi, what's up,'" said Thomas Tang, a graduate student of industrial studies who represented China. "But in China, if I am a young male and I meet you, a young female and a stranger, we could not greet each other."

Language, however, is not a barrier for Americans who visit many other parts of the world.

"English is actually our first language," said Nick Chim, a sophomore physical therapy major from Singapore. Singapore attracts a great deal of tourism, according to Chim, which has deeply exposed it to American culture, especially through entertainment. "The

Cosby Show is popular [in Singapore]," Chim said.

Nathalie Raulet, a senior Psychology major from France, explained that French employers often favor American-educated graduates with a solid grasp of English.

"English is the international language," Raulet said. "I know that with my degree from America, I can easily find a job in France."

International students at MTSU come from 73 countries, according to December 1993 statistics printed in *The International Connection*, published each semester by the International Programs and Services Office (IPSO).

IPSO is sponsoring the bazaar as part of International Culture Week, April 4-9, to celebrate MTSU's cultural diversity. Activities include lectures, the Latin American Festival, an International Tea and more, culminating with an International Banquet Saturday. All events are open to the public. For more information, contact IPSO at 898-2238. ■

Harvard students to raise money for Bosnian relief

College Press Service

The rising death toll in Bosnia-Herzegovina has propelled a group of Harvard University undergraduates to try to raise \$50,000 for a relief truck, a driver and 20 tons of food.

About 80 students planned to visit every house and first-year dormitory to deliver literature and collect donations for the truck, which would transport food and medicine to Sarajevo and possibly carry out refugees.

"We've got people canvassing every room on campus," said Martin Lebwohl, a sophomore and one of the organizers.

The group hopes to solicit donations of a least \$10 each and to raise awareness about the plight of Bosnian civilians, thousands of whom have been killed, raped, and tortured over the past two years in a campaign of "ethnic cleansing."

"We're not a political organization," explained Marc Kuchner, a senior. "Our message is, 'We care.' We hope to spark other efforts that bring Bosnia to the forefront of people's minds."

A benefit concert was held March 4 at Boston University's Morse Auditorium. Several Harvard students helped arrange the concert of Turkish, Slavic, American, Peruvian and other ethnic music.

Junior Alberto Simpser, who has been active on many fronts, is also forming an organization to work on political issues regarding the civil war in the former Yugoslavia. The group, called the Harvard Coalition Against Atrocities in Bosnia, plans a letter-writing effort and an April conference on activism and other subjects.

"We have a responsibility to make sure our leaders know what our opinions are," Simpser said.

A separate organization for graduate students, Friends of Bosnia, is being established to provide information and humanitarian assistance, said

Nabeela Khatak, a graduate student at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies. It now involves students from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Law School, and the Kennedy School of Government.

The truck drive was inspired partly by a Feb. 15 panel discussion, sponsored by Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel, that included author and humanitarian Leonard Fein and the screening of a video about Bosnia.

"After the speech, a group of students said, 'So what are we going to do now?'," recalled Hillel chair Elie Kaunfer.

A core of about seven undergraduates, some of

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Marc Kuchner
Harvard senior

whom already belonged to the Harvard Human Crisis Watch, decided to act swiftly.

At Fein's suggestion, they agreed to try to purchase a truck through the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, an international relief organization based in New York that has low overhead and quick access to Sarajevo, Lebwohl said.

The literature distributed to students in the door to door drive invokes the memory of the Holocaust, when millions of European Jews and others were murdered by Nazis for the sake of ethnic purity.

"Never again! people said after the Holocaust, but the fact that genocide is taking place today is becoming more and more obvious," fliers read. "Our generation has done nothing but watch genocide take place...again. Now is the time to act. Let Harvard take the lead."

Although a group collected some contributions for Bosnia and Somalia last year, this is the first large-scale humanitarian effort for Bosnia held at Harvard. ■

Alamo announces American film competition for students

College Press Service

SANTA MONICA, CA. — Actor Edward James Olmos and Director Peter Bogdanovich will serve as advisers to the Alamo American Film Competition for Students.

"This is an exciting world premiere for America's younger generation of filmmakers who will be tomorrow's George Lucases, Steven Spielbergs and Jonathan Demmes," Charles D. Platt, Alamo's president, said.

The five categories of competition

are narrative, documentary and experimental film, music video and public service announcements. First-place winners receive \$1,000, second-place winners get \$500 and \$250 will go to third-place winners.

Each entry must be submitted by

April 30 on videocassette tapes and be accompanied by an official entry form and a \$25 fee. The forms can be obtained by writing the film competition at 1700 N. Dixie Highway, Suite 100, Boca Raton, Fl. 33432.