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Multiple tornadoes rip through community

Thousands without power after Friday storms

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Thousands were without electricity Saturday after tornadoes ripped through central Tennessee and part of Alabama, killing one person and destroying or damaging more than 200 homes and businesses.

Barfield, a tiny community just southeast of Nashville, was hardest hit by the twisters and thunderstorms that rolled through on Friday evening.

"We're looking at about 75 to 80 homes, about half of which are totally destroyed," Cecil Whaley of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency said Saturday.

"Also there are a large number of apartment complexes there. In some cases, all the units have been damaged extensively," he said.

Sara Gamble waited for state police to allow residents back into the community.

"I don't know anything about my house, if it's still standing," she said.

The twisters skipped through nine counties in central Tennessee and an adjacent part of Alabama.

"I was standing in my kitchen ... and I saw a funnel cloud coming at the apartments of my house," said Scott Mason, who lives in Murfreesboro. "The tornado had touched down and it was coming right at my house. You could see the tornado just churning up the dirt as it was headed to the apartments."

"I've never seen anything like it. It was really, really scary."

Up to 8,000 customers in Tennessee were still without electricity Saturday, down from 20,000 immediately after the storm, utilities said.

The only fatality was a retired 71-year-old physician killed in Tuscaloosa, Ala., when a tree limb crashed into the windshield of a pickup truck he was riding in.

Nearly 100 homes and businesses in the Tuscaloosa area were damaged, including 15 homes and two businesses that were destroyed, state Emergency Management Agency spokesman Scott Adcock said. At least 10 people were injured; two were hospitalized.

Spotting the approaching twister, the manager of a Food World supermarket in east Tuscaloosa said he had 20 seconds to warn customers to take cover.

"I tried to get customers quickly down on the ground. It was a mess," said Eric Dickey, 20.

After the storm passed, store employees found a partially collapsed roof and a car in the cereal aisle. In the parking lot, dozens of cars were flipped over.

In Tennessee, 18 people were taken to hospitals but none of their injuries were life-threatening.

"I think the surprise is in the fact at how lucky we were and not having as many people injured," Whaley said. •



Brian G. Miller/staff

Summerlake Apartments off Highway 231 South just past I-24 were heavily damaged by a tornado that tore through the complex Friday evening. Many of the units as well as houses adjacent to the complex were damaged, including one house that had its roof completely torn off.



Brian G. Miller/staff

Many people living in the Summerlake complex were forced to move out. There were signs on many of the apartments warning that entry posed a potential hazard due to the severity of damage.

Students arrested in UT-Martin arson case

TSU seeks culprit in dorm fire

By Jamie Evans/staff

Two arrests were made for the January 11 fire at UT Martin, while arson is the cause of the fire at Tennessee State University last Wednesday.

David Allen Bornfriend of Lewisburg, Tenn., and Sarah Bishop Branscomb of Dandridge, Tenn., both 18, were arrested last Thursday for the fire at UT Martin and the accidental death of student Jong-do Ki.

The fire was reported at 2:36 a.m. on the third floor of Buford Ellington Hall in Bornfriend's room. The fire is thought to have been started by either a cigarette or a lit candle.

The affidavit indicated that Bornfriend removed the smoke detector from his room intentionally.

He neglected to pull a fire alarm when he and Branscomb fled from the scene of the fire, and to report the fire to authorities.

Jong-do Ki's room was located directly across the hall from Bornfriend's. He died from smoke inhalation. Bornfriend and Branscomb were injured, as well as another Korean student and two university employees.

The university is still considering the penalties the two students will face. This could involve indefinite suspension.

TSU had a fire in its Watson Hall, one of the men's dormitories. The fire occurred in a trash receptacle in the stairwell at approximately 8:30 p.m. The hall was evacuated and no one was injured.

Arson is believed to be the cause of

How To Help

Anyone who wants to help storm victims in Rutherford County can donate nonperishable food items to the Rutherford County Food Bank inside Patterson Park Community Center on Castle Street.

The Salvation Army is also accepting donations of food, clothing and household items at a truck set up in the Murfreesboro Wal-Mart parking lot.

Cash is desperately needed to help those victims who lost everything.

Checks should be made payable to American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund and mailed to 410 West Lytle St., Murfreesboro, Tenn., 37130. •

the fire. The fire did not spread and remained contained because of the stairwell.

"The Watson Hall fire is a very unfortunate incident for everyone at TSU, and the safety and security of our students is of utmost importance to us. We are encouraging anyone with information to please come forward," said Thomas Martin, vice president for student affairs at Tennessee State University.

A \$2000 reward is being offered by the university for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone who is connected to the fire. However, students who give false reports can expect disciplinary action from the university.

Dr. James A. Hefner, president of TSU, stated that "If TSU students are responsible for this incident, we want to identify them and expel them, because they do not belong here." •

it upon themselves to responsibly make decisions and to hold themselves accountable for their actions without the need for the university to do this for them," Felts said.

Risk-reduction policies were instituted among many national fraternities during the mid-eighties to help prevent accidents and to further protect the safety and well-being of fraternal members and guests that were present during any fraternity-sponsored event. All eleven IFC-recognized fraternities at MTSU are governed by similar policies set by their respective national headquarters. •

Michael Haley/staff

The Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) of MTSU passed Tuesday its first Risk Management Policy in order to set universal governing standards for all future fraternity events and functions at MTSU.

According to IFC Vice-President Dan Percy, author of the Risk Management Policy, the main reason for the creation of a local policy is to set standards, based on the similarities of the eleven risk reduction policies, so that the IFC can better educate and govern fraternities in regards to their management of events.

"The adoption of this proposal by the IFC tells me that the fraternities on this campus are very concerned for the safety of their brothers and guests," said Percy. "I hope this gives MTSU a better understanding of how we operate and gives the campus a message that all of the fraternities have been and will continue to work together when it comes to following our national policies."

The IFC policy focuses on the following four topics: regulations on alcohol and drug use, prevention of sexual abuse, inter-fraternal education on the policy, and the procedures on enforcement of the policy.

"No chapter may host an 'open'

party where alcohol is present," said Percy. "Individual non-members attending a chapter function may do so only with the permission from the chapter. The reason for this is to regulate the attendance at a particular function and keep the event under control so that safety is never at risk. That is why many fraternities keep 'guest lists' to keep track of who attends particular events."

Vic Felts, the director of Greek Life at MTSU, said he was "extremely proud" of the IFC for taking it upon themselves to create the Risk Management Policy by which to govern.

"It shows me that the fraternities at MTSU can work together and take

Red Cross assists storm victims at Murphy Center

By Keith Russell/staff

Local residents sought refuge in Murphy Center this weekend following a devastating storm Friday that unleashed a flurry of tornadoes, damaging or destroying nearly 100 homes and injuring nearly two dozen people.

The Murfreesboro office of the American Red Cross established an emergency shelter in one of Murphy Center's auxiliary gyms immediately following the storm, which residents say hit the area at approximately 5 p.m. Friday. Red Cross coordinators and volunteers set up two dozen fold-open cots and tables to accommodate displaced residents affected by the storm, and first-aid personnel and counselors were on hand to take care of anyone requiring medical attention.

Throughout the night after the storm, the shelter was a hive of activity, with people streaming in and out looking for loved ones, donating food items or seeking information about damaged areas and road closings.

Red Cross officials reported 15 people checked in to the shelter over the weekend, most of whom arrived from the Southridge subdivision in the Barfield community, the area hit hardest by the storm and located a few miles south of MTSU's campus.

According to city and county officials, damage is estimated to be in the millions of dollars. Photographs of the tornadoes' path depicted a nightmareish scene of destruction, estimated to be over six miles long and 300 yards wide, with homes and businesses ripped from their foundations and debris lying everywhere. Residents reported seeing cars lodged in trees and street signs that were hurled hundreds of yards.

"I was in the kitchen when I saw the shutters on the window started banging real bad. Then I saw (the tornado) coming and ran to our guest bathroom and got down in the tub," said Lois McConigal, an MTSU graduate student who resides on Hogan Drive in the Southridge subdivision. "When I finally got out my entire front porch was gone."

"You just can't believe what it was like," said McConigal's neighbor Dinah Gibson, who was home with her two children cooking dinner when the tornadoes struck. "The first thing we saw was the cloud of debris. I grabbed the kids and ran into the closet and shut the door right when the whole house started shaking. You wouldn't have believed all the noise. It was like being inside a dryer. When we got out the only place left standing was the closet we had been in. I know this might sound weird, but I honestly believe it was a miracle from God that no one was hurt."

Residents who arrived at the shelter found food and other items donated by area businesses, including Papa John's, Wal-Mart, Sir Pizza, Corky's Barbecue and Hardee's.

"We've received a great deal of support from the local businesses," said Shirley Langhammer, director of community services at the Murfreesboro Red Cross. "They have been very helpful."

The Red Cross shelter stayed open until Saturday night, by which time all residents affected by the storm had left with friends and family members, officials said. •

Motivational courses announced

By Jamie Evans / staff

MTSU's Division of Continuing Studies is offering two new courses beginning in early February.

The first new course begins on Feb. 6, and is entitled "Adventures in Attitudes."

This course is intended to help students develop self-understanding, self-confidence, stronger communication skills, effective time-management skills, and motivation secrets, according to officials at the Division of Continuing Studies.

Students will learn these skills by learning about the effects that a positive attitude can have on accomplishing personal goals and motivating

people to move forward.

This course, which extends through March 27, is from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in modular F room 102. Emily Miller, Senior Training Consultant for MTSU Continuing Studies, is the instructor for the course.

The second course offered is called "The Sales Leader." The focus is on successful selling which will involve product knowledge and buying habits of the market, as well as communication and interpersonal skills.

The course also promises to teach students how to actualize new prospects, form leadership qualities, and work smarter, according to officials.

This course is more like a one shot seminar rather than a full course. It takes place on Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

at the Garden Plaza Hotel in Murfreesboro.

The instructor is Edward Leader, who is nationally recognized in the areas of sales and communications. He has traveled around the United States to businesses and schools where he has taught how to make the art of selling, organizing, and communicating more scientific and less luck.

Students will not receive credits for the course, and they must pay for the courses separately, outside of MTSU's normal tuition fees.

The cost for the Adventures in Attitudes course is \$345 which includes materials. The Sales Leader course is \$135 which also includes materials.

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On Campus



January 1 through 31

Nashville's multi-media artist group is hosting an introductory exhibit during regular gallery hours at the Rutherrford County/Murfreesboro Center for the Arts.

Responsibility Day: a forum of free independent thought on the responsibilities inherent in a free society. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. outside the KUC Grill in the 2nd floor lobby. For more information call Brian Lewis at 890-6478.

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February-March 1997

Japanese Doll Exhibit at the Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum, 200 South Second Street, Clarksville, TN.

Tues.-Sat. 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sun. 1:00-5:00 p.m. Admission: Adults \$3.00, Seniors \$2.00, Children 6-18 \$1.00, Children under 5 free. For more information call the Japan Center of Tennessee 898-2229 or Clarksville-Montgomery County Museum (615) 648-5780.

GRADUATING SENIORS

All May 1997 Graduating Seniors are required to take the ACT-COMP. The test will be given three times during the fall semester: **March 4, 5, and 6**. On these dates, students may choose from three different test times: **8:30 a.m., 1 p.m., or 6 p.m.** All test administrations will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. No pre-registration is necessary. The test should take approximately two and one-half hours. If there are questions, please contact Ruth Watson at 898-2854.

THURSDAY, Jan. 30

"Stop the Silence" Domestic

Violence Seminar with guest speaker Deborah Johnson, Director of the Murfreesboro

Center for Domestic Violence: 6:00 p.m. in Cason-Kennedy

Nursing Building, room 121.

TUESDAY, Feb. 4

Campus Crusade for Christ meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Bragg Mass. Comm. 103. Contact Janelle Cox for more information at 867-3054.

Career Placement Orientation "Your Job Search" for seniors and graduate students. Learn about Placement Services, Resume Expert, Campus Interviews and Employment Opportunities. 11:00 a.m. 305

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THURSDAY, Feb. 6

Resume Writing and Interview Preparation for seniors and

SATURDAY, Jan. 11

Where: Ezell Hall
What: Student reported that someone had just thrown a frozen corn cob through her window

Where: Student Recreation Center - Track Level
What: 5 year old ran into a wall and cut his head open. He was transported to the ER.

MONDAY, Jan. 13

Where: East Main at Womack Lane
What: Randall B. Mitchell, 48, was arrested for driving on a suspended license. He also has a bench warrant

Where: Student Recreation Center Parking Lot
What: Witness stated that a vehicle had struck another vehicle in parking lot and left. The driver was a white female with blonde hair driving a brown Cutlass.

TUESDAY, Jan. 14

Where: Nicks Hall
What: Officer advised that fire alarm was going off

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 15

Where: Ezell Hall
What: Complainant advised that someone hit his car and damaged the rear quarter panel

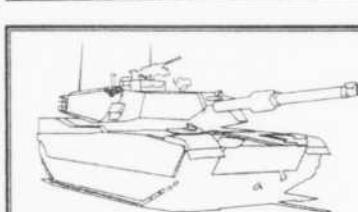
THURSDAY, Jan. 16

Where: Second Street at Cummings Hall
What: Windy P. Little, 32, was arrested for driving on a suspended license

Where: MTSU Police Department
What: Tire cover stolen

Where: Family Apartment E
What: Cellular phone stolen from vehicle

Where: Abernathy Loop
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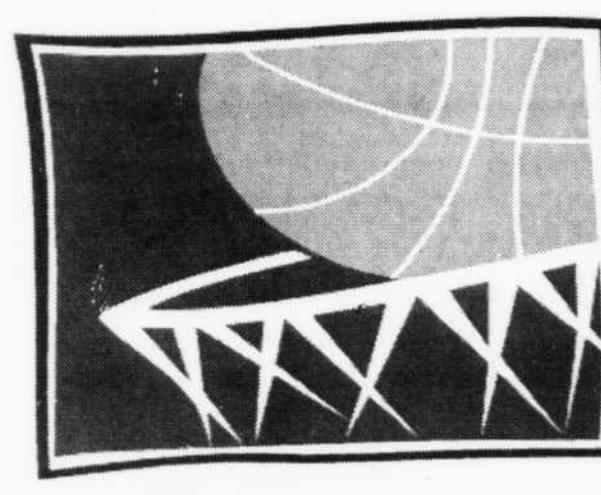
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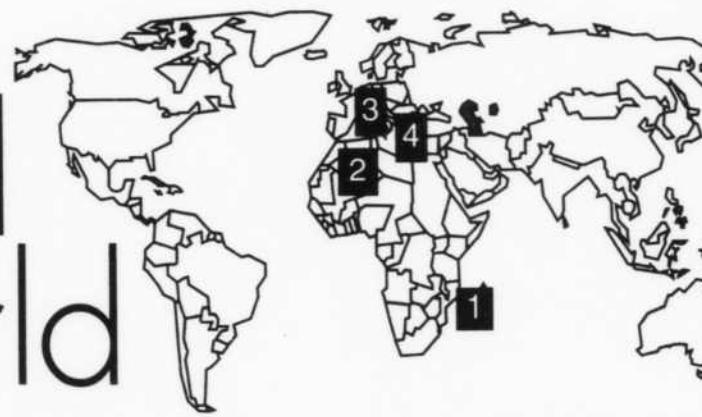
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Around the World



Cyclone kills 15 people in Madagascar

1 ANTANANARIVO, Madagascar (AP) — A cyclone that tore through this African island nation has left at least 15 people dead, another hundred missing and thousands homeless, state radio reported Sunday.

Earlier, officials had said the death toll was at least 118. Communications with the affected areas was poor, complicating efforts to get accurate casualty figures.

The cyclone churned winds of up to 124 mph and created severe flooding that destroyed several cities Saturday and left many others damaged, state radio said.

Emergency services were having difficulty reaching the hardest-hit areas of the island, southeast of the capital, Antananarivo, Radio France reported in Paris.

Much of Madagascar is hard to travel even during normal conditions.

The hurricane-like storm appeared to be headed into the Mozambique Channel and had been downgraded to a tropical storm, state radio said.

The 372-mile-wide storm struck the impoverished island, population 13 million, from the southeast Saturday morning about 310 miles from Antananarivo, officials said.

One of the world's poorest countries, Madagascar is the world's fourth largest island and is slightly bigger than Texas. It has 18 ethnic or tribal groups in a society that mixes Asian heritage with French colonial influence.

46 Algerians killed in rebel violence

2 ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Attackers slit the throats of 86 people in villages south of the capital and shot to death a suburban mayor, the latest bloodletting in a brutal insurgency in the North African country.

President Liamine Zeroual went on national television Saturday evening and blamed the violence on foreign powers trying to destabilize the country.

"In this holy month of Ramadan, a month of forgiveness and worship, Algeria faces barbaric, cowardly terrorism," Zeroual said in a 20-minute speech.

As the president spoke, witnesses reported the latest atrocity: 40 people massacred Saturday in the village of Ouled Ali, 60 miles south of Algiers. The victims' throats were slit and some were decapitated, said the witnesses, who were travelers in the area. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

France, Germany might share arms

3 PARIS (AP) — In a break with its longstanding policy of an independent nuclear arsenal, France is considering sharing its nuclear umbrella with Germany and has secretly agreed to begin talks on the matter.

The proposed alliance would operate in conjunction with NATO and a common European defense, according to a 10-page document signed

by the two countries on Dec. 9 and reported in Saturday's issue of the French newspaper Le Monde.

"Our two countries see themselves exposed to the same risks," Le Monde quoted the document as saying. "We are ready to open a dialogue on the role of nuclear deterrence in the context of European defense policy."

What exactly France and Germany see as risks was not mentioned in the article, although it quoted the document as saying their security interests were tied "on the basis of their geographic situation."

Until now, France has restricted its nuclear arsenal to deterring attacks against French national territory. Germany, which renounced nuclear weapons of its own after World War II, has relied on the U.S. deterrent.

Albanian crowd riots for lost cash

4 LUSHNJA, Albania (AP) — Angry Albanians who lost money in high-risk, get-rich-quick schemes seized control of this central town Saturday, beating a government minister and riot police before turning on reporters.

Saturday night, President Sali Berisha appealed for calm and pledged that depositors would get their money back. He asked the protesters to be patient.

"It's not possible to give money to 300,000 people in one day," he said in an interview.

Model UN team studies world

By Susan McMahan/staff

Thirteen MTSU students recently attended a model United Nations at the University of Pennsylvania.

MTSU, who represented the country Canada, participated in the Nov. 7-10 conference in Philadelphia. The team competed against 800 students and many prestigious schools like Cornell, Princeton, Yale and the University of California at Berkeley.

The MTSU delegates were given the honor of meeting with the conference's keynote speaker, Dr. Oscar Arias Sanchez, the former president of Costa Rica and a Nobel Peace Laureate.

John Mulvey, MTSU delegate, won a major national award for his participation on the International Court of Justice.

"We have developed a pretty good reputation nationwide," said team adviser Anne Sloan, associate professor of political science and director of MTSU's Global Studies program.

Model United Nations was

established to give participants a broader understanding of international relations.

Students involved in the United Nations simulation discuss

topics such as global economic trade, world crisis situations, political security and international human rights.

"Judging (for the Model United Nations) is done on how active you are," Sloan said. "Part of that is getting up and speaking and part of that is how well you play the role."

Sloan said that teams are informed of their "country" a month before the beginning of the conference. Teams are also given copies of resolutions to

be debated during the Model UN.

Students interested in joining the Model UN team should contact Sloan or attend a team meeting.

A bulletin board with information about the team is located in Peck Hall.

At the end of February, the team will travel to Rutgers in New Jersey for their next conference. Sloan said that MTSU's team is limited to the number of tournaments they can participate in because of funds.

MTSU's Political Science Department, the Office of Student Affairs and Beaman Automotive of Nashville helped cover the almost \$4,000 cost for the trip to Philadelphia.

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-Anne Sloan,
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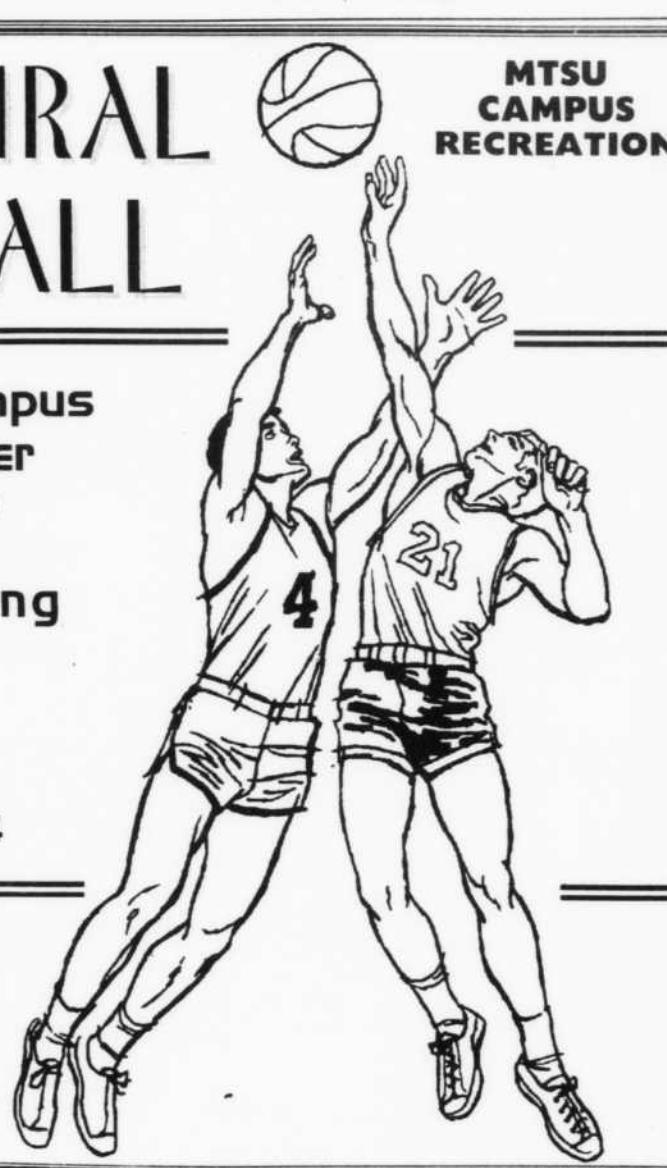
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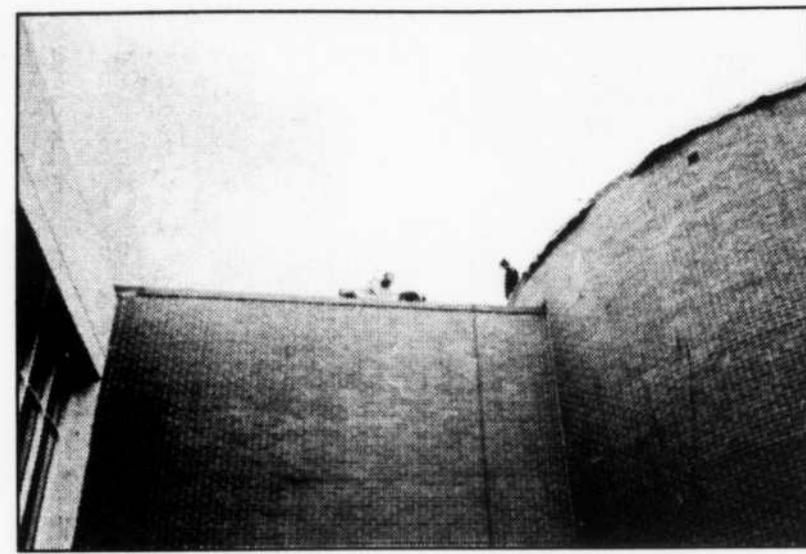
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Gore roof done, Forrest Hall next



Shawn Sidwell/staff

Workers finish work on the Gore Research Center's roof.

By Chad Gillis/staff

The Albert Gore Research Center, which closed on Jan. 20 because of bad leaks in the ceiling, will reopen today at 9 a.m., said Dr. Jim Neal, director of the research center.

The Learning Resource Center, in which the Al Gore Research Center is located in room 111, will continue to undergo small repairs for the remaining leaks in the ceiling.

Mold and mildew — a threat to the fragile, historical documents of local and national figures such as Al Gore Sr., Bill Boner, and many others — are a constant concern for researchers at the center, with leaks from the ceiling and standing water only adding to the problem, said Neal.

"It has been a long time; we're just glad that they're working," Neal said.

Home Roofing and Building Company President John Smith estimated the cost of repairing the entire LRC roof to be \$175,000.

The Tennessee Board of Regents originally bid the

project with the addition of the roofing project soon to be underway at Forrest Hall, but due to Forrest Hall having asbestos in the roof and no slope in place, the two were divided to different contractors.

JWC Specialties, who also is contracted to expand Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium, will repair the roof of Forrest Hall, according to Michael Johnson, head of the Forrest Hall project at JWC Specialties.

The Forrest Hall project, which is scheduled to begin in two weeks, received a \$50,000 bid and should be finished in less than a month from beginning. A leak occurred in Forrest Hall in the extracurriculum area of the ROTC section just before the Christmas break.

The Albert Gore Research Center, which accommodated 1276 people in 1996, has posted new hours of 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. for Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. for Wednesday and Friday. The Al Gore Center and Dr. Neal can be reached at 898-2632.

Serial rapist tracked on internet by police

College Press Service

ATHENS, Ga.—Police in Georgia and Florida have placed a composite sketch on the Internet in an effort to track down a serial rapist believed responsible for six attacks at two major universities.

During the past two years, the same man has raped at least four University

of Georgia students in their apartments, police said. Another victim was a University of Florida student, who was on a jogging trail near the Gainesville campus when she was attacked.

The level of violence has escalated with each attack, from blows to the head and face to choking if the victim cries, police said.

Authorities placed a

composite sketch of the rapist at www.ps.uga.edu/pd/suspect.htm, and have offered a \$10,000 reward for his conviction.

The description of the suspect is the same in both locations: a white male between 25 and 40 years old, with a slim, wiry build. Victims say he is tall, between 6' to 6'5", with light brown or dirty blond hair and a

Southern accent.

The most distinguishing characteristic mentioned by all the victims are his eyes, described as very bright, light blue. The Florida student said that the eyes were the first thing she noticed.

The University of Georgia and Georgia authorities have formed a Rape Task force to coordinate the investigation. •

Creighton computers used to send hate e-mail

College Press Service

OMAHA—Creighton University officials said a student's computer account was used to send anti-Semitic and anti-gay e-mail messages.

But the messages, sent to the Jewish Student Union at the University of Colorado at Boulder and a weekly gay-oriented newspaper called OutNOW!, were apparently sent without the student's knowledge.

A university librarian noticed five "skinheads" wearing military-style clothing in the campus library on Jan. 7, the same day the messages were sent. The library staff searched the computers the group used and found they had been accessing Neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic websites.

Part of a message to the Jewish Student Union said, "What can you expect of a former Nazi death camp major's grandchild?" Other messages said, "I am a white racist and proud of my pure lineage. I am coming for you!" and "Ever heard of Auschwitz? Sieg Heil, Sieg

Heil."

The message to the newspaper used anti-gay slurs, including the word "fags."

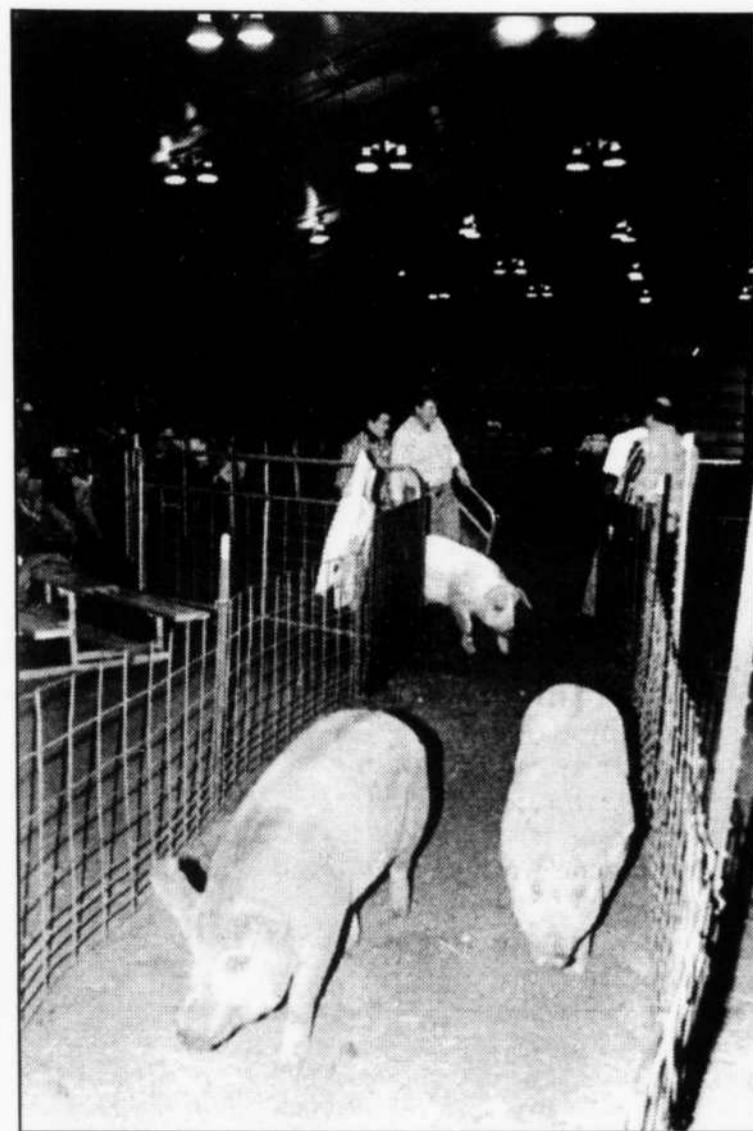
"The content of this was violent, anti-Semitic, hateful...and threatening, to top it all off," said Jim Nolan, a Creighton spokesperson. "It was totally at odds with what we stand for here."

The university contacted the FBI and the local police about the "skinheads," who are not students there. Officials also contacted the student—who was back home for holiday break and knew nothing about the messages, Nolan said.

At Creighton, students use a web browser to e-mail messages. The student apparently forgot to log out when he was finished, accidentally leaving his account open to whomever used the computer next, Nolan said.

Even so, several security measures still were bypassed. "They were not unsophisticated about the use of these computers," he said. •

This little piggy



Shawn Sidwell/staff

Competitors put their best hoof forward at a hog show held at the Tennessee Livestock Center Friday.

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In our view

A community comes together

When disaster strikes in a community, it can often bring out the worst in human beings. In the face of enormous tragedy, people can resort to selfish practices such as looting or a lack of cooperation with law enforcement officials. In this community, however, tragedy has brought out the best in the people of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County.

The tornadoes that tore through Middle Tennessee Friday evening unravelled the lives of numerous families in Murfreesboro and Barfield. For many, their homes were destroyed, leaving them with no one to turn to but their neighbors. Fortunately, their neighbors were more than ready to lend a helping hand.

Once the storm hit, the Murfreesboro office of the American Red Cross sprang into action. Within an hour after the first tornado touched down, the agency was setting up emergency shelters and working tirelessly to make sure those affected were safe and secure. Now, in conjunction with local, state and federal officials, they are working to help victims try to rebuild what they have lost.

Local businesses should also be commended for their generous contributions in this time of need. Whether they happened to be small restaurants or huge retail stores such as Wal-Mart, these businesses made a remarkable effort to come through when they were needed most.

Finally, praise should be reserved for the countless people who took the time to care: the friends who stayed with victims in emergency shelters; the law enforcement and rescue workers who brought people to safety or found stray pets lost in the storm.

In one of their most tragic times, the people of Middle Tennessee have united to get through it together.

Sidelines



Letters to the Editor

Resident questions construction timing

To the Editor:

As I was walking to class in the pouring rain today, it dawned on me. Why is the University doing all of this construction now? I am not against improving this school and making it better for years to come. But for some reason it seems like the University is trying to do it all at once.

I live in Nicks Hall, all the way at the end of campus and what do I see when I leave for class in the morning? Boom, a new library under construction. So I have to go around this area just like everyone else who lives in my area. Because of this parking in my area has become really bad and there is hardly any grass left in areas where people are having to make new walkways. Well that's okay, you can live with that.

Then I am walking to the agriculture building and Boom, a new business building under construction. Boom again, I have to go around these fences and circle around Corlew. Because of this parking is gone in that

area as well. I don't live on that side of campus so that doesn't bother me. I'm a business major so I'm going to love it, and our business teachers and faculty deserve it too. But people on that side might disagree with me.

Then as I am trying to get to Murphy Center, Boom, they're going to close down the road that runs parallel to it and shut off some accesses to the building for the new stadium. Just when you thought traffic on campus couldn't get any worse. This is going to be fun to watch. Why doesn't someone get out there with a video camera and tape this and we can show this at the KUC theatre? I guarantee it's going to be more interesting to watch than those foreign flicks that are over there now. Anyways, that's another letter. But also when you take in the facts that the JUB is undergoing construction and there is some work being done to the side of the KUC—plus there's a new baseball building going up—plus there's a parking lot going up soon (that should be #1 on their list right now). I mean,

you've got to plan your day around this construction.

But like I said earlier, I'm all for building a better campus—I love this place. What I'm asking is why do all of this now? Why couldn't the University have spread these big events out a little more than a semester each? I keep hearing, "Oh, in ten years this campus is going to be majestic!" Hopefully, none of us students will be here in ten years and second, we won't get to appreciate it that much. So maybe we could work out a deal, maybe we could get \$100 off of tuition for the discomfort payback? O.K., well, would you settle for a hard hat?

But seriously, all of these students here today and graduating here in the near future should be commended for putting up with all of this and should be known as the classes that sacrificed for the future of this school, and that's the bottom line!

Robert "FESLUV" Ashburn
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and suffering, but how can we say that it is only physical pain that deserves to be escaped? What about people who have emotional trauma and psychological pain? Shall we tell them that they should live with their pain, while telling others they should not? I

 From Where I Stand
Scott Link

deliberate act of killing. On the other hand, I would hate to think a doctor terminated treatment of a patient only a few weeks before they regained consciousness. The only time euthanasia should be allowed is when the person has a "living will" stating a period of time that should not be exceeded on life support after the doctors have said there is no hope. Once that time is passed, then and only then should life support be terminated, and the person allowed to die naturally. Even that leaves me feeling cold.

The fact is, we do not know what will happen, or what we can do in the future. For us to say there is no reason to live, no reason to fight for life, is a disgrace to the human race. We have a responsibility to ourselves, and to our society to hold life in the highest regard.

I think life has intrinsic value. Even so, it seems we are moving from killing the unborn because they interfere with our future plans to killing ourselves because we are afraid to face disease. If I ever contract a terminal illness I will fight it to the bitter end.

It really comes down to what an individual chooses. There have been suicides for centuries, yet in this country, until recently, they have always been discouraged. Still, no matter how you disguise it as a medical procedure, killing is still killing. Suicide is still suicide. There is no difference between using a doctor's contraption a gun or sleeping pills. We should never think of condoning doctor assisted suicide.

On a side note, on Tuesday January 28, at Tucker Theater, MTSU has the opportunity to hear a great speaker. David Ring will be talking to the MTSU community. This is a man who has overcome his Cerebral Palsy to become a nationally known motivational speaker. The doors open at 6:15 p.m.. Come early if you want a seat. You won't regret it.

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Use Scrabble as an excuse for perversion

By Dave Barry

OK, here's a nostalgia question: What childhood game does this remind you of?

"Colonel Mustard in the library with a candlestick."

If you answered, "Spin the Bottle," then I frankly do not want to know any more about your childhood. What I'm referring to is of course the classic board game "Clue," in which you try to solve a murder by using a logical process of deduction to narrow down the various possibilities until your sister has to go to the bathroom, at which point you cheat by looking at the answer cards. At least that was always my strategy.

In Monopoly, my strategy was to be the car. The car was one of the little metal game-board pieces; the other ones, as I recall, were the hat, the dog, the shoe, the guy on the horse, and the iron. I never wanted to be the shoe, and I definitely did not want to be the iron. I wanted to be the car because I could make car noises by vibrating my lips—brrrrmmmm—and drive the car around on the floor to amuse myself while waiting my turn, which is mainly what you do in Monopoly, which I always considered to be one of the most boring activities on the planet.

But I had friends who LOVED it; when we played, they became insane money-grasping capitalist pigs. They'd crouch next to the game board, looking over the tops of their hotels with greed-crazed eyes, watching me throw the dice, waiting for the little car to come around the corner, motoring innocently along—brrrrmmmm—until it stopped on—HAH!!—Boardwalk, and they'd triumphantly announce that I owed them some huge amount of pretend money that they

knew to be the exact pretend cost of landing on Boardwalk without looking at the cards.

I'm not saying that ALL of these friends went on to become attorneys, but it is a healthy percentage.

I will say this about Monopoly: I was better at it than at chess. My problem with chess was that all my pieces wanted to end the game as soon as possible. "Let's get this over with!" was their battle cry. If the rules had allowed it,

the Bishop!

KING: Darn it!

QUEEN: I'll go next!

KING: Good luck!

PAWNS: Oh no! They got the Queen!

KING: Good! I mean, darn it!

Because of the level of my chess game, I was able—even against a weak opponent, such as my younger brothers, or the dog—to get myself checkmated in under 3 minutes. I challenge any computer to do it faster.

is that it leads to arguments like this:

FIRST PLAYER: ...e, e, t.

There!

SECOND PLAYER:

"Gleet?" What the hell is "gleet"?

FIRST PLAYER: I have no idea, but if you can use "pood," I can use "gleet."

The thing is, according to the American Heritage Dictionary, both "gleet" and "pood" really ARE words, as are "kloof," "fremutus" and "woomera." It turns out that, if you have a big enough dictionary, just about everything is a word which means you can put down any old letters you want and claim it's a legal move.

Of course, you have to be careful whom you're playing with. The number of violent Scrabble-related incidents is on the rise. I have here a news item from the Nov. 29, 1996, Hagerstown, Md., Morning Herald, sent to me by alert readers Bill and Louisa Sonnik. Here are the first two sentences of this item, which I am not making up:

S M I T H S B U R G — A Hagerstown woman was charged with second-degree assault on Wednesday night after her husband was struck in the forehead with a Scrabble game board, according to the Washington County Sheriff's Department. The incident happened when the man tried to restrain the woman after she threw the Thanksgiving turkey into the yard.

The item does not state WHY the woman threw the turkey, but I would not be surprised to learn that a word like "gleet" had something to do with it. I would also not be surprised if, next Thanksgiving, this couple leaves the Scrabble board in the closet and just throws the turkey, which sounds like more fun. *

my pieces would all have charged out onto the board simultaneously the instant the game started. Unfortunately, this was not legal, so they had to content themselves with charging out one at a time, pretty much at random, and immediately getting captured. Here's what they sounded like:

PAWNS: Oh no! They got the Knight!

KING: Darn it!

BISHOP: I'll go next!

KING: Good luck!

PAWNS: Oh no! They got

the one board game that I still play is Scrabble. I like it because, unlike most other board games, which basically are pointless time-consumers, in Scrabble you can do something mentally stimulating and worthwhile: make naughty words. There is nothing quite like the feeling that comes from spelling out, say, "b-o-s-s-o-m," knowing that it will be sitting there on the board for hours, staring up at your opponents.

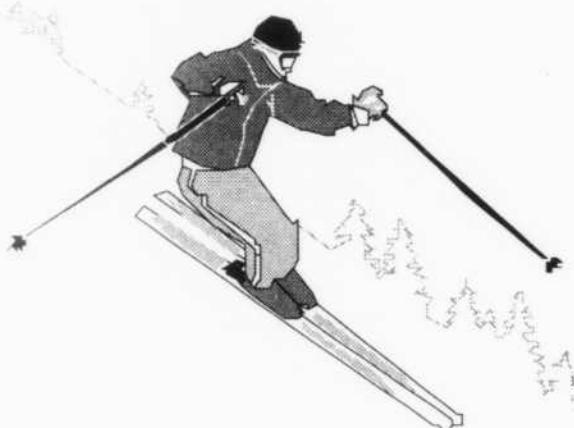
The problem with Scrabble

explained Bernice. "It's July. There's no snow."

And so Hans had to walk manually down the mountain to get the doctor, who cured the little girl in five minutes by threatening her with leeches. But this incident got Hans to thinking, and the next day he

said Hans. "We'll stay safely on the ground and collect large sums of money."

And thus the modern ski industry was born. Today there are thousands of ski areas, and as of 8 a.m. this morning every single one of them had excellent skiing conditions, as measured



by Dave Barry

Here's a fun winter vacation idea: Why not go skiing?

If you answered: "Because I don't want to spend the next two years in a full-body cast," then I have good news: Thanks to modern, high-tech ski equipment originally developed for use by U.S. astronauts, 72 percent of all skiers are able to walk with assistance in less than 10 months!

Yes, things have really changed since the early days of skiing, a sport that traces its origins back to 16th-century Switzerland, where, according to legend, a man named Hans lived with his family on top of a mountain. One day Hans' daughter became very ill, and his wife, Bernice, told him to go down to the village immediately and fetch the doctor. Hans, knowing that it would take him hours to walk down the mountain, noticed two loose barrel staves that happened to be lying around, and suddenly an idea struck him. Using some leather thongs that also happened to be lying around, he attached the staves to his feet, grabbed two poles that also happened to be lying around, aimed the staves down the mountain and gave a shove. Within a matter of seconds, nothing had happened.

"Hans, you moron,"

started tinkering with some chairs and huge steel towers and powerful motors and several thousand feet of cable that happened to be lying around. By dusk he was finished.

"Look, Bernice!" he said. "A person can ride all the way up the mountain on chairs dangling precariously from this cable!"

"If you think I'm getting on that," said Bernice, "You're crazy."

"Hans, you moron,"

"I'm not talking about US,"

by the Official Ski Area Rating System, in which each area objectively rates its own conditions on a standardized scale that ranges from the highest possible ranking, Extremely Superb (defined as "snow or at least cold mud clearly visible in places") all the way down to the lowest ranking, Very Good (defined as "this ski resort is located in Puerto Rico").

Because different skiers have different abilities, ski resorts offer a variety of slopes, which are color-coded according to degree of difficulty, as follows:

GREEN—Steep

BLUE—Steep

BLACK—Steep

If you're a beginner, you want to avoid the steeper slopes. I would rule out Colorado altogether. One time I went skiing at the swank Colorado resort of Aspen, and the ski slope there turned out to be

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RPGs cure winter boredom



Photo by Steve Purinton

A group plays Dungeons and Dragons at P.H. Duck's Bookstop on Castle Street. Dungeons and Dragons first became widely popular in the '60s, and has since spawned many variations and imitations.

By Jennie Treadway/staff

"It's fun to act like you're Superman for a couple of hours," says Keith Kail, the general manager and president of Game Master Hobbies.

Role Playing Games have been around since the Greek times, but it wasn't until the late '60's, with the advent of the game Dungeons & Dragons, that it became a trend.

Like typical board games, RPG's are popular afternoon distractions. They involve several players and a few dice, along with a few accessories, such as maps, character figures and reference books.

Unlike a board game, there is no board and the game is structured to take advantage of the imagination and fantasy world. Set up more like a drama play, there is a plot, characters, and even a director. Without a script, the players are given a general plot by the director and are free to make choices regarding the progression and outcome of the game.

"It's interactive and very social," Kail said. "Generally, it engages the imagination more than a game like Monopoly."

The games are based around fantasies, fairy tales and adventures, all of which give a break from reality,

as Kail insisted that "it's no fun to pretend you're balancing a checkbook."

The players get to pretend they are a superhero, a warrior, a knight or even Luke Skywalker.

"You make things up as you go along," Kail said.

Game Master Hobbies carries all the parts needed for a game. Games range anywhere from \$20 and up in price, depending on the amount of accessories desired. Some of the more popular games are Warhammer, Advanced Dungeons & Dragons, CyberPunk, and the all-time favorite, Star Wars. *

Looking for a cheap time-killer? Try used books

By Randy Ford/staff

As the temperatures drop and boredom grows, there is nothing more warming and fulfilling than picking up a good book. It's also exciting to remember that you bought the book for as little as a quarter or simply traded in those old Hardy Boys novels you had laying around.

There are three used book stores in Murfreesboro, and *Sidelines* skimmed the covers to see what each had to offer.

Book Rack, located at 122 S. Maple Street, is part of a national chain, but has plenty of down-home flavor.

The Murfreesboro Book Rack franchise is owned and operated by Rosie Smoot, who seems willing to do whatever is necessary to please every reader who comes her way.

Smoot creates a familiar atmosphere in the store's intimate size. Boxes and bags of books fill every corner. The store contains an extensive selection of romance books.

Book Rack offers one-fourth the publisher's price for most used paperbacks, but offers in-store credit only. Smoot usually charges one-half the publisher's price for a book's resale value.

P.H. Duck's BookStop, 310 W. Castle Street, feels like a book-lover's garage sale. The store also sells toys, software, collector's cards, and has a large assortment of comic books.

Though the shelves are clearly categorized and alphabetized, there is a sense of disorder created by random stacks and piles on the floor and ash



Photo by Steve Purinton

Used books are piled high at P.H. Duck's Bookstop. The store sells a wide variety of books, cards, software, toys and comic books.

trays distributed throughout the store. The very rear aisle of the store is titled "Don't Know Where Else to Put," and contains a number of different subjects.

P.H. Duck's BookStop is the only store open on Sunday, but it does close on Mondays.

The store's owner, Darlene McDonnell issues in-store trade only, and offers one-fourth the cover price in most cases. The resale value is half the cover price. One weekend a month, McDonnell offers a half-price book special.

Turbo's Discount Paperbacks,

located at 110 N. Baird Lane, is the book store closest to campus.

Owner Bill McIntyre seemed helpful, despite a hostile awkwardness created by a large sign above the cash register reading, "We reserve the right to refuse to serve ANY customer at ANY time."

Turbo's has thousands of 25-cent bargain books—and has an even larger row of 50-cent Harlequin paperbacks.

McIntyre issues credit based on one-quarter the publisher's price and charges half the cover price plus 25 cents for all categorized books. *

MTSU Christian organizations prepare for month of prayer

Campus Showcase

MTSU will be a topic of prayer among Christian students in the effort to make a few changes around campus.

The Month of Prayer, generated by eight Christian organizations, began Jan. 21 and will continue through Feb. 21. A meeting will be held every day and a prayer will be conducted regarding the designated theme of the week. The themes include subjects like "Salvation and Rededications," "Moral Purity and the Spirit to Move," and "For Christians to Stand Up and Be Used by God."

In an effort to impact not only the

Christian lifestyle at MTSU, the organizations hope to create stronger connections among all Christians on campus.

The prayers are conducted by the various organizations and are in different locations and times each day. The groups decide independently how to structure their sessions, so there is a broad variety of examples to experience.

In addition to the daily prayers, there will be two multiple-hour prayer sessions. On Jan. 27, there will be a 24-hour prayer session from 7 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Tucker Theater, preceding the David Ring/Erin

Odonnel performance.

During Valentine's weekend, there will be a 36-hour Prayer for Purity in the Baptist Student Union, also beginning at 7 p.m. that Friday.

These sessions are open to anyone interested. All meetings are free, excluding those conducted during meal time sessions.

For more information, contact any of the participating organizations: Alpha Omega, Baptist Student Union, Campus Crusade, Christian Faculty and Staff, Fishbowl, Intervarsity, Presbyterian Student Fellowship, and Raider Victory Fellowship. *

Campus Showcase

By Jennie Treadway



Radio/TV students cover Inauguration for Channel 8



Photo provided by Jeff Spurlock

Radio/TV broadcasting majors Caralynn Camp, Dale Ryman, Beth Cook, Eric Agnew, Janet Singer, Missy Crutchfield and Professor Jeff Spurlock prepare for Monday night's inaugural ball in Washington, D.C.

Campus Showcase

Six radio/TV broadcasting majors flew to Washington, D.C., last Sunday to get a taste of what their future careers will hold.

Seniors Eric Agnew, Caralynn Camp, Beth Cook, Janet Singer, junior Dale Ryman, and graduate student Missy Crutchfield went with Radio/TV Professor Jeff Spurlock to cover the Presidential Inauguration for a special news program to air on MTSU's Channel 8.

"It was a new experience for all of them," Spurlock said. "Some of them had never even been to Washington."

The students attended the inaugural ceremony, the parade and the ball, as well as other inaugural events last Monday.

Sanctioned by Al Moffett, associate professor in Radio/TV, the young journalists received press credentials through Bart Gordon in Washington, giving access to all inaugural activities.

"I was in TV news for 15 years," said Spurlock, former managing editor of WFIE (NBC affiliate) of Evansville, Ind., "so I knew how to get the credentials we needed."

With passes in hand, the reporters "braved the cold" to interview supporters, as well as protesters, from all over the country. Although they had negative feedback from a few in the crowd, a majority of the visitors were very supportive.

"We had some equipment failure," Spurlock said, "but it was just the camera batteries."

The night before the inauguration, Spurlock conducted a "newsroom meeting" in the hotel suite to help the students prepare for Monday.

"They were great about it," he said. "They were so awestruck and did such a wonderful job."

The idea to attend the inauguration was brought up after doing live coverage of election night in the Channel 8 newsroom. After getting funds approved by Dery Leaming, dean of mass communications, the six journalists followed through with their plans.

"We didn't get to talk to President Clinton or Hillary," Spurlock said, "but we did see Al Gore and Tipper dance!"

Highlights from the trip are scheduled to air on Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 8. *

Sociology adjunct teaches life lessons

Campus Showcase

"My life experience has made me a better sociology teacher," says Jean Taylor confidently.

The Sociology 101 adjunct teacher is more than a pro at her work. In Jean Taylor's lectures, she presents the subject matter to over 100 students with references to amazing, and occasionally humorous, stories of her past. And what a past it is.

Taylor attended private high schools and graduated two months after turning 17. She came straight to MTSU, "as most freshman feel they need to," she said. It was not long before she was overwhelmed in the early '70s aspect of the flower child and the "I am Me" generation, as Taylor describes it.

After three years of college, she left school for a "14-year hiatus." Living on a 170-acre farm in Wilson County with no electricity or running water, Taylor milked cows, sold eggs, preserved her own food, and owned every bird imaginable. When she tired of the agrarian lifestyle, she moved to Denver to live with her brothers. Not long after that, she moved again; this time working on an off-shore tugboat in Miami with friends of friends.

Working as a cook, Taylor made frequent trips between Miami and the Bahamas at the age of 25.

"Sailors are great," she says. "They always had a story to tell."

She made her way back to Murfreesboro by 1980 and began working at a night club run by MTSU graduates she had known since her freshman year who "hadn't done anything with their lives yet."

Soon, Taylor married and gave birth to two children. During that time span, she managed a health food restaurant after the club failed to

stay in business.

In 1989, her kids were in school, so she decided to be as well. As a part-time student, she began working on a bachelor's degree in sociology. After changing to full-time status, she graduated with her bachelor's, as well as a certificate in gerontology, in August of '92. In the same month, Taylor began graduate school, received a GTA position and worked as a research assistant.

Along with working on her thesis regarding a social look at post-menopausal women, Taylor ran a support group for AIDS patients. Because she has experienced several personal losses since 1988, the disease is an issue extremely close to her heart and even holds as a topic in several of her lectures.

"I find it amazing - the lack of information and awareness on AIDS," she says. "I know I've saved a life [through this education]. I think in the next two to 10 years there's going to be a real wake-up call because the heterosexual population is in such denial."

By May of '95, Taylor had completed a master's degree in sociology and got married the day after graduation, to a man she met on a blind date. She has been teaching adjunct ever since and has developed close friendships with several students.

"My students are somewhat like my kids," she says. "I'm concerned enough to listen."

In the upcoming years, Taylor hopes to find time to get her Ph.D. and possibly continue to teach. The more she teaches, she said, the more she feels like an inspired preacher. However, if the opportunity arises, she said, "I'd like a job working in the field of AIDS."

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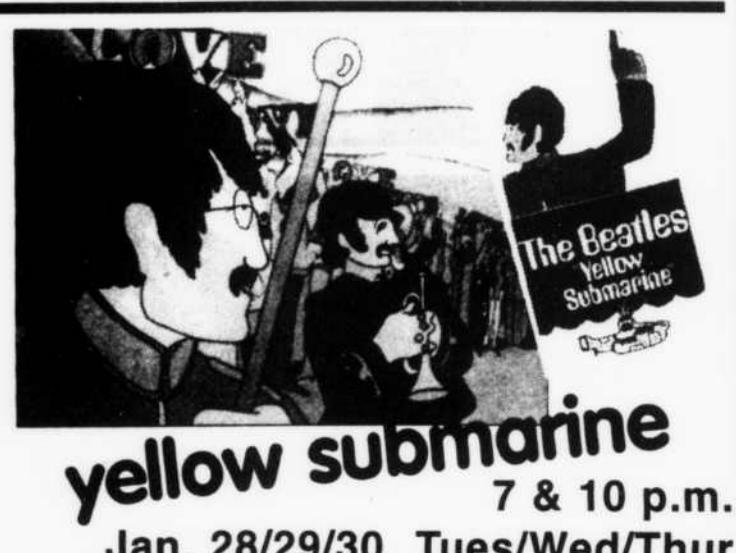
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Dead horse proves burden to woman

PHOENIX (AP) — You can lead a horse to water, but you can't get somebody to haul one away when it dies in your neighborhood.

Kathy Kerwin spent four days trying to find someone who would remove the bloated remains of a \$30,000 race horse that lived in a pasture next to her home. The 4-year-old horse, which she often fed carrots, died from a bout of colic.

As a favor to Exclusive Effect's owner, Kerwin started calling "every agency in the state" Saturday morning without luck. The Humane Society said "sorry." The city's dead animal pickup office has a 175-pound limit.

Police were helpful but couldn't find an answer for Ms. Kerwin, nor could the state Department of Public Safety. Compounding the delay was a holiday weekend.

After "about 25 phone calls" to various agencies, she got in touch with Maricopa By-Products Inc., a private company. It eventually removed the horse Tuesday night for \$38.

"I heard the truck and what a relief," she said. "This is a residential neighborhood. It wasn't smelling too good."

Pig with canine complex loses home

ATHENS, Ala. (AP) — Not only is Nugget the pig a threat to run away, he has a personality flaw. "He thinks he's a dog," said Christie Howard.

Combined, the problems have cost Nugget his home. Nugget, a pet belonging to Mrs. Howard and her husband K.J., took off from their north Alabama house Wednesday with his buddy George, a part-beagle, part-something else.

"(Nugget) was raised with dogs, plays with them, sleeps with them and roams with them," said Mrs. Howard. "If George is missing, we know Nugget is too."

The disappearance prompted a search by Howard, who was joined by a sheriff's deputy. There had been complaints about Nugget and George cavorting through neighbors' yards, dining on garbage-can cuisine.

"Nugget's going to wind up getting shot," said Mrs. Howard. "He came home just before Thanksgiving with an arrow sticking out of his side."

Howard chased the pair through a peach orchard but finally gave up.

Nugget and George came home on their own a few hours later. By then, the Howards found a new home for Nugget through a friend.

There's always room in Oklahoma

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — They just love to watch it wiggle here.

Salt Lake City leads the nation in Jell-O consumption, the company says. Next on the list are Des Moines, Milwaukee and Pittsburgh, with Tulsa and Oklahoma City tied for fifth.

Pat Resso, a spokeswoman for Jell-O headquarters in White Plains, N.Y., said Jell-O is celebrating its centennial this year — just like the city of Tulsa.

"It's such a versatile food," said home economist Barbara Tricinella. "There's all kinds of exciting things you can do with Jell-O."

Ms. Tricinella, who works for Oklahoma State University's Tulsa County extension office, said jiggly desserts and salads show up at most church potluck dinners in Oklahoma.

Hunt for lost cash comes up short

MIAMI (AP) — Police trying to recover the \$800,000 that spilled into one of Miami's poorest neighborhoods when a Brinks truck overturned have very little to show for their efforts.

So far they've only got about \$300 back.

"We're still hopeful the money will be returned," said Marvin Moss, a spokesman at Brinks Inc.'s Darien, Conn., headquarters. And police said Thursday that they won't give up the search for the bills, coins and food stamps that spilled onto the streets of Overtown on Jan. 8.

"We're doing the best we can to recover it," said Sgt. Jack Andrews, who heads the case.

Police were met with laughter and slamming doors when they canvassed the neighborhood after the accident asking residents to return any stolen cash. Now, they're acting on tips about who has large amounts of the stolen money, Andrews said.

"We're not concentrating on the children picking up quarters," Andrews said.

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Lecture to discuss public acceptance of censorship

By Adam Smith/ staff

Freedom of intellectual and artistic expression: to many Americans it is prized above all other rights, but the advent of Wal-Mart's corporate policies restricting the retail of music that they have deemed objectionable has been met with apathy and even support from the public, according to journalism Professor Edward Kimbrell.

In a lecture to take place at 7 p.m. tonight in Room 101 of the John Bragg Mass Communications Building, Kimbrell will discuss what he feels is a trend of the '90s toward more public acceptance of censorship of artistic freedom.

Recently, the national chain of department stores banned Sheryl Crow's self-titled album because it contained a lyric with a reference to Wal-Mart selling firearms to children. This ban was not an isolated practice, however.

"This whole situation really started to come to the surface around November of last year," Kimbrell said. "There is a matter of corporate policy regarding pre-recorded CDs and audio tape, it certainly is broad and it is wide, and I don't know how far they will take it."

The lecture is free and open to the public. Kimbrell's opening remarks will last about 30 minutes, after which there will be a discussion and question and answer session.

Kimbrell has been a professor of journalism at MTSU for 25 years. He periodically teaches a class on freedom of expression and first amendment rights.

The lecture is sponsored by MTSU Ideas and Issues.

Radio Iodine's EP tasteful, trendy

By Chad Gillis/ staff

Radio Iodine's 1996 self-titled release is a four-song EP that is as reminiscent of Tori Amos as it is of Babes in Toyland.

The band consists of Ellen Persyn's powerful voice accompanied by Tony Persyn on the bass, Tom Bramer on guitars, Anna Berry playing keys, and Greg Miller on drums. Radio Iodine's 1995 release, "Never Meant To," got the band a spot opening for such highly-esteemed commercial giants as Oasis and Gravity Kills. After signing to Radioactive Records, the group acquired industrial wiz John Fryer, formerly of Stabbing Westward, Love & Rockets and Gravity Kills.

The EP starts off with a track titled "Things I Do," which begins with a hypnotic droning bass line accompanied by a light but definite drum pattern. The female whispering vocals relate a feeling of seduction. Then, slowly and almost unnoticeable, a synthesized rhythm develops the weight that eventually swells into a somewhat pop-oriented rage. As the song progresses it reveals some tasteful sections of sampling, something that may just be overdone in pop-radio today. The bridge takes a turn of events that is unique, but not out of context.

Track two, "Better Off," starts out with that wonderful marvel of modern electronics,

**Photo by: Mando Gonzales
Courtesy of Radioactive Records**
feedback, which is soon overshadowed by a raging bassline that conjures up images of Jane's Addiction. The production is excellent, the effects are quite tasteful, and the pop-oriented progression is not too mainstream.

"Human Nature" and "Sleep" round out the album. The former of the two is a more techno-based track that conjures an image of Tori Amos singing for Nine Inch Nails. The keyboards provide much of the basic rhythm with the percussion being more of a lead element than usual. The fourth song on the release is "Sleep," which is an excellent title for this number. It gives the feeling of a driving scene in a cheap action movie.

Overall, I give Radio Iodine two stars out of a possible four. This St. Louis based band has the ability to stay on top of trends and be tasteful at the same time.

Michigan university combats slang

College Press Service

If you do "aromatherapy" in your "downtime," then perhaps you should "get a life."

Or get a new vocabulary, suggests a Michigan university. Whatever.

Actually, "whatever" is the most overused phrase of 1996, according to the Lake Superior State University's 21st annual "List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Misuse, Overuse and General Uselessness." Each year, the university asks high school students, teachers and parents to nominate certain phrases that, arguably, have no place in the English language.

"Whatever what? Whatever I want? Whatever I need? It doesn't make any sense," said Rachel Bivens, a high school student from Manton, Mich.

The wordsmiths also frown on "as if," an expression popularized by the movie *Clueless*. The phrase may be used interchangeably with "Duh," which is just as useless, the university said.

Not only slang phrases, but terms like "aromatherapy" have gotten under people's skin, too.

"This catchy word can be found on the labels of everything from shampoo bottles to air freshener. If it's truly 'therapy,' perhaps it should come at a higher price," said Michelle Batterbee Fox, an Ellsworth, Mich., teacher.

Scores of teachers complained that computer terms such as "downtime" have infiltrated the Queen's English. "It may be alright when applied to computers, but not humans," said Polly Fields, a Lake Superior State English professor.

Another word that has worn out its welcome is "attitude," which mysteriously, is often preceded by the preposition "with," but no article," said Bryon Carey, of Clark Lake, Mich. "It is a euphemism for an overbearingly aggressive nature."

Last but not least, the university had only one comment for "La Macerina," a term conjuring up images of the dance craze that swept Yankee Stadium, the Democratic National Convention, the Olympics and much of the entire nation: "Ad nauseum."

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Raider runners defeat conference foes at home

By Rachel Parrish/staff

After two weeks of conditioning and training, the men's and women's track teams have proven that things are definitely shaping back up.

The Lady Raiders toppled the competition with 130 points to wipe out Arkansas State (79), Memphis University (54), UT Chatt(44), Samford(42) and WKU(14). Not to be outdone, the Blue Raiders scored equally big on the same rivals with their score of 107.

In the women's long jump, junior Nekeya Ralls placed third with a mark of 18-05. The jump may not have been as far as last week's 19-05 mark, but Ralls wasn't quite done yet. Taking out the frustration from the third place effort, she went on to run a 7.93 in the prelims of the 55m hurdles and qualified herself for the NCAA provisional (7.98). But almost as if one good run deserves another bad one, Ralls, in lane four, lost her balance over the third of five hurdles and stumbled across the fifth and sixth lanes to almost crash into fellow runner Sarah Dunmore. Neither was

injured.

"I have to learn to control myself," she said. "When Coach Hayes told me I qualified, that inspired me to run even faster in the finals. Guess I was concentrating on that."

Once again, MTSU's triple jumpers are establishing a sweeping tradition of the hop-skip-jump event. Improving last week's mark of 23-07, Africa native Boniface Amuzu claimed his first win of the season with a mark of 24-01. Rashaad Haynes and Jahez Salahuddin were second and third respectively.

The only points for MTSU in the women's high jump came from freshman Tabitha Pyles.

"I was very pleased," she said of the 5-04 jump. "Though what I really wanted was 5-06, at least I tied my personal record again."

Pyles added to the women's score by placing fifth in the triple jump and though Bahamian newcomer Leslie Miller failed to score any points in that event, she did improve performance over last week's.

"There's always, always room for improvement," she said of her jump of

33-04. "But in the future, I've got to work a lot harder and try to stay focused."

"I took a big chance coming here," she commented. "But I love this track team because everyone on the team has made me feel so much at home here."

In the women's shot put, Shelly Johnson added a whopping 10 points to the score with her first place throw of 43-06. "That was a high school throw," she complained of the distance. Incidentally, Johnson is the current record holder of the discus event. Freshman Shontel Jennings was fifth in that event.

Torrence Riley (6'07) and Jahez Salahuddin (6'07) were first and second in the long jump while an injured Rashaad Haynes was fourth.

Not satisfied with his finish, Haynes (45-05) went on a crusade to eliminate the competition in the men's triple jump. His first place added ten points to the men's score.

Another sweep in the meet belonged to hurdlers Carlos Clardy (7.57), Darryl Arvin (7.64) and Dana Dixon (7.66) who were first through third respectively.

Traveling up from Atlanta, the Arvins' admired the competitive spirit of the Raiders and was especially pleased about the performance of their son, Darryl. "In truth, it was pretty good," said Mr. Arvin of the race. "It's early in the season and he's not quite yet in full form. I'd say that he has about three or four more levels to reach until OVC."

Ralls (7.04), Bethany Brent (7.22), and Trina Weddington (7.34) grabbed 20 points from the 55m dash. Jahez Salahuddin (6.47) and Dave Creary were third and fourth in the men's event.

TiJuana Phillips (58.33) and Weddington (58.79) blew out the competition to claim the first and second places in the open 400.

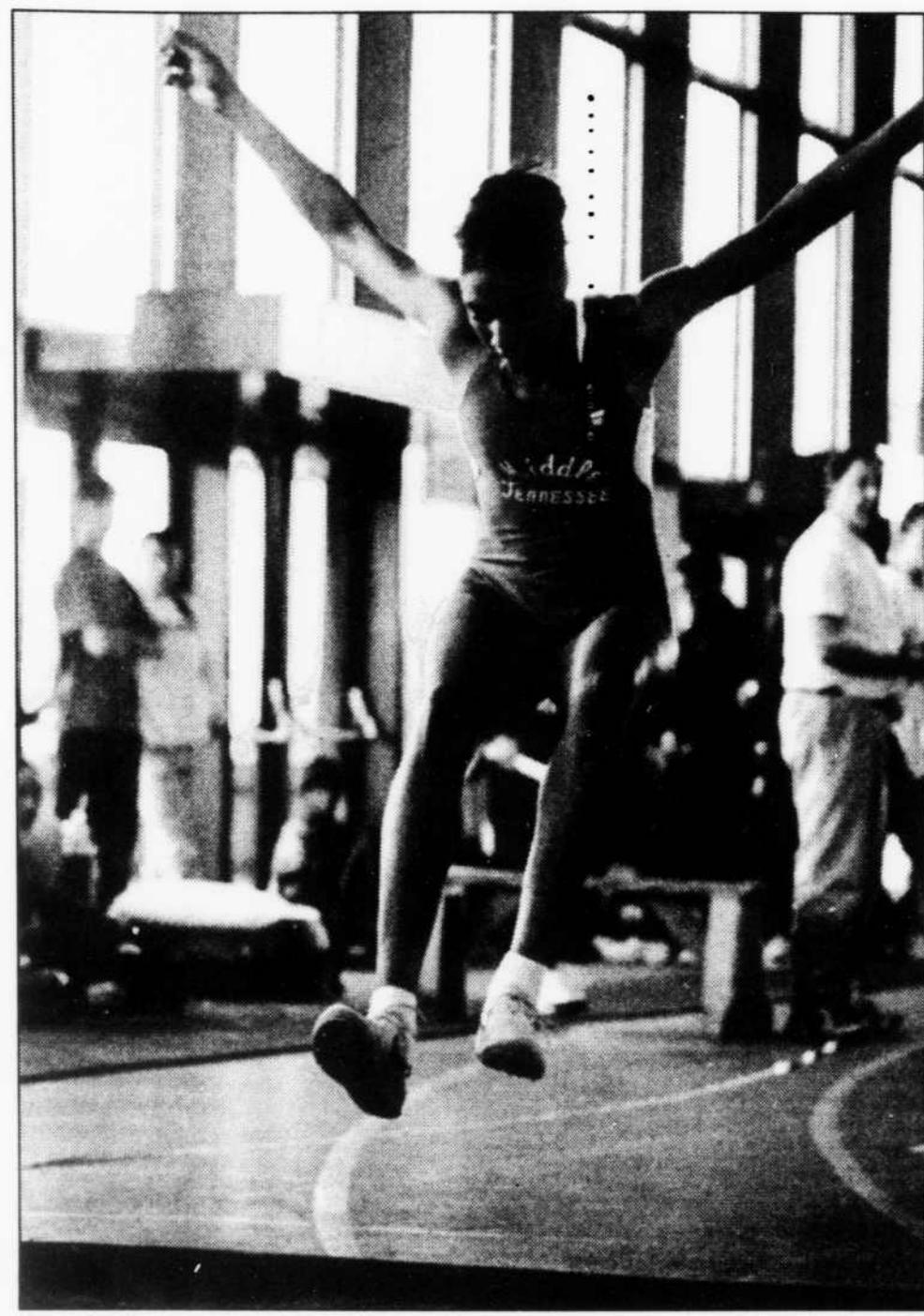
"My back hurt a little bit," said Phillips of the race, "And I'm just recovering from a foot injury, but I will be back," she claimed. "No pain, no gain- this is my senior year and I'm fighting for the gold."

Equally motivated, sophomore Weddington used smart strategy to help pace her in the race.

"I just got behind TiJuana and ran off her. I think that in the quarter, when push comes to shove, you better shove," she advises.

The sweetest surprise of the day belonged to senior Kendan Maynard whose last week's personal record time of 47.62 dropped even further this week to 46.88.

"I had no idea that I was going that fast," he says while flashing a smile and clutching the 'men's results' pin up. "What I was really hoping for was



Brian G. Miller/Staff

Freshman Tabitha Pyles heads for the sand on her final jump, landing her in fifth place with a 33-04 in the triple jump. Pyles also scored points in the Lady Raiders only points in the high jump with a 5-04 jump.

a lower 47."

Maynard also gave credit to the impressive crowd gathered at the meet. Fans crowded around both the start and finish line to cheer on the Raiders.

"They were very motivating and got the team hyped. We really appreciate all the people who came out to support us."

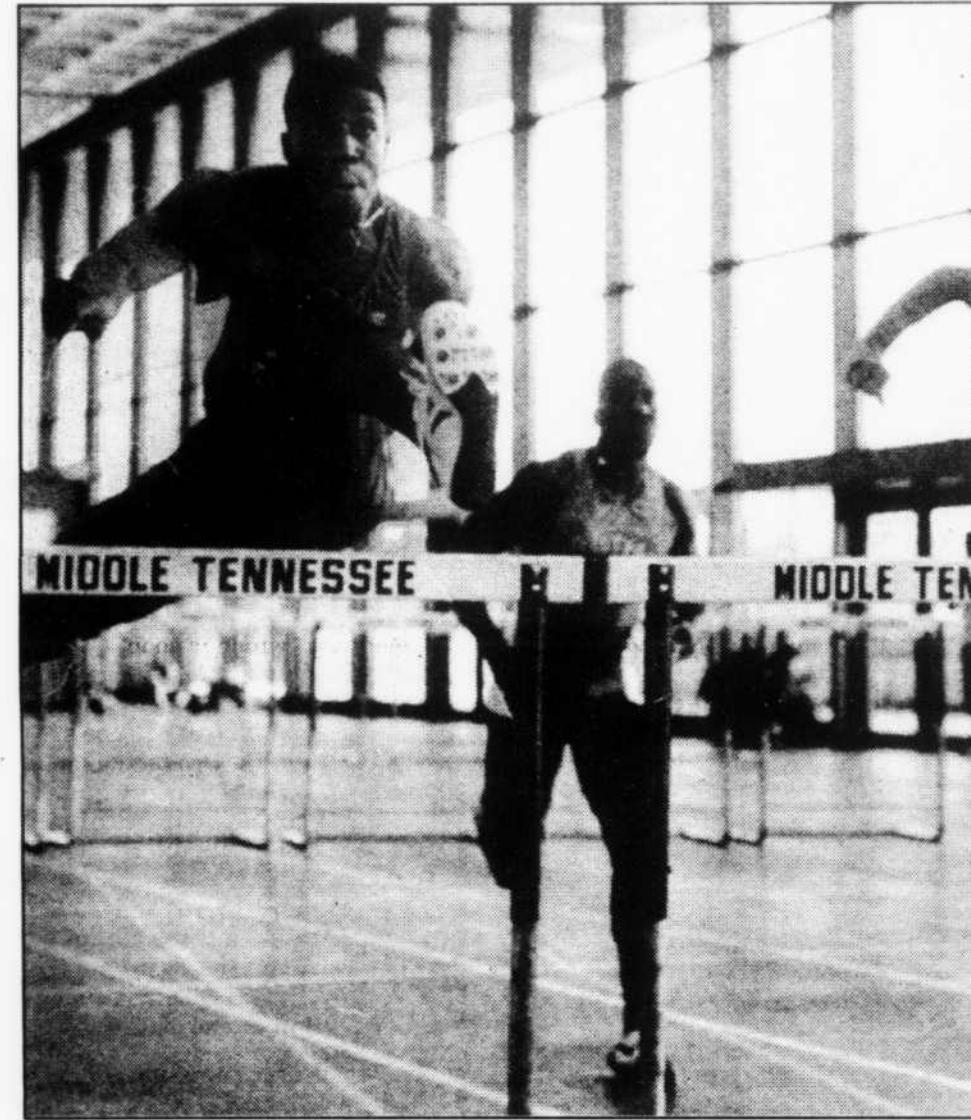
In the distance events, no one was pleased with his or her times. Still giving a solid effort in the mile was Stacey Soda (6:08), Klye Brown (4:56), and Marcus Murray (4:59). Sonja Ewing (2:28) was fifth in the 800. Also competing in that event was Shane Heavener (2:06) and Brian Forrester (2:38). For the 3,000m run, Jennifer Cunningham (12:33), Jason Smith (9:32) and Jason Carpenter

(9:51) all bettered their last week's times.

In the 200 Amuzu (21.70) placed second while Kim Watson (25.55) and Rachel Parrish (25.62) were second and third.

For the women's mile relay, the Lady Raiders had a 30 meter lead the entire race with Weddington running as the lead off leg. Due to injuries, Kim Watson was promoted from the "B" team to the "A" team second leg to handed the baton off to Phillips. Taking nothing for granted, she widened the lead even further for anchor Parrish, who in turn held the first place finish. The Blue Raiders placed first in that event as well.

This weekend the teams will be competing in the Indiana Invitational.



Brian G. Miller/Staff

Darryl Arvin placed second with a 7.64 time in the hurdles, contributing to the Blue Raiders sweep in the event. Carlos Clardy placed first with a time of 7.57 and Dana Dixon was third (7.66).

Lady Raiders defeated by Lady Racers on the road

By Doug Malan/staff

A deluge of three-pointers kept the Lady Raiders close to Murray State, but lack of an inside game and defensive breakdowns led to Middle's 72-61 defeat at Cutchin Fieldhouse Saturday afternoon.

The Lady Racers (6-11, 3-6) shot 63-percent in the second half against Middle Tennessee, which is last in points allowed in the OVC. Player-of-the-year candidate Stephanie Minor finished with 29 points and 11 rebounds and Misty Pierceall had 23 points.

MTSU (5-14, 3-6) was led by Jessica Beaty's 20 points and Courtney Neeley's 14 point game. Neeley sank a career-high four three-pointers while Beaty tied a career-high with five three's. Overall, the Lady Raiders made 12-33 shots from behind the arc, but only three came in the second half.

Center Jonelda Buck was neutralized for much of the game as Minor limited her to ten points on eight shots, leaving the Lady Raider offense at the mercy of the three-point shot.

"There's no need to sugar-coat this game," coach Lewis Bivens said. "We didn't play real smart and we're not going to win shooting 33 three-pointers."

Both teams struggled offensively during extended periods of the game and combined to commit 37 turnovers.

Trailing 17-15 with 9:52 to play in the first half, the Lady Raiders found their shooting rhythm and went on a

19-7 run behind five three-pointers from Beaty (two), Neeley (two) and Carlita Elder.

However, Middle lost the ten-point lead in the last two minutes of the half when Murray went on a 7-0 run sparked by Minor and Bobbi Coltharp (five points).

"That was a big disappointment," Beaty said after her team lost the big lead and led 34-31 at the break. "We had a lot of momentum but it quickly changed."

"We had a chance to blow them out there," Bivens said, "but we couldn't make the plays."

The teams traded baskets for much of the second half, and the game was tied at 52 before Murray ripped off fifteen points in a six minute stretch to put the game out of reach, 67-59. The Lady Racers ended the game hitting five of six free throws.

"We turned the ball over several times and we played not to lose instead of playing to win," Beaty said.

The loss dropped Middle Tennessee to the bottom third of the conference standings, mired in a six-game losing streak.

"There are not very few times that I don't have answers," Bivens said, "and this is one of those times."

"We've been spending a lot of time working on offense. We just need to find our chemistry."

The final game of a three-game road trip is completed tonight at UT-Martin. The women's game has been changed to a 5:15 start, followed by the men's game at eight.

Raiders can't stop Austin Peay's Bubba

By Doug Malan/staff

Bubba bounced the Blue Raiders out of first place Thursday night, 82-74, and placed his own team within striking distance of the top spot.

Peay forward Bubba Wells scored 40 points in 33 minutes as he became that school's all-time leading scorer in front of a rowdy crowd and several NBA scouts.

With less pageantry but equal flair, Nod Carter dazzled the Governors for 26 points and seven rebounds. Carter matched Wells with 18 first half points.

A 26-12 Governor run to start the second half put Randy Wiel's squad behind 62-52 as they battled to within three points but just fell short late in the game.

Peay shot 32-55 (58%) from the field for the game and consistently thwarted Middle rallies with fast break points. The Blue Raiders ended the night hitting nearly 47-percent of their shots, a figure that would have normally sent Middle (12-6, 5-3) into a victorious lockerroom.

Malachi Allen came off the bench to score 12 points and grab six rebounds as the only other Raider to hit double figures. Apart from Wells,

who is averaging nearly 36 points per game since his return from a stress fracture, Joe Sibbitt (11 points) and Mike Witherspoon (10 points) contributed offensively for the Governors (8-10, 5-3).

"The difference was in the second half when we switched from man-to-man to zone and they hit all their shots," Wiel said.

Eastern Illinois now sits atop the conference with a 5-2 record and a Saturday game looming at SEMO. Four teams (MTSU, SEMO, Murray State and Peay) sit a half game back at 5-3 as of Friday night.

Lady Raiders fall victim to Lady Govs Overtime loss ties record

By Doug Malan/staff

The Lady Raiders suffered another draining defeat Thursday night, falling 70-66 in overtime at Austin Peay.

Center Jonelda Buck led Middle with 19 points as she went 9-10 from the field. Forward Jessica Beaty had 16 points and nine rebounds and guard Natalie Sneed finished with 11 points, six rebounds and five assists.

Simone Caldwell (22 points) and Amanda Behrenbrinker (21 points) paced the Lady Governor scoring.

Behrenbrinker scored four points in overtime after the game was tied at

62 at the end of regulation.

With 20 seconds remaining in regulation, Beaty hit a jumper on the left wing that gave Middle Tennessee (5-13, 3-5) a 62-61 lead. However, Colleen Polzin was fouled on the next possession and hit one of two free throws as Lady Raider coach waited on hands and knees in anticipation.

Middle appeared sluggish as they fell behind early in the game before mounting a 24-5 run that gave them a 33-26 lead with 1:07 left in the first half. Peay would pull to within 33-31 at halftime on a questionable three-pointer by Caldwell.

"Tonight it came down to judgment calls by the officials" Bivens said carefully and precisely, "and the judgments went against us."

In the second half, the teams traded points throughout as Middle held the half's largest lead, 53-47, at the 8:54 mark. The Lady Govs (10-7, 6-2) then went on a 14-7 run to lead 61-60.

Middle has lost four consecutive games and tied a record Thursday night for most overtime games in one season. The 1982-83 Lady Raiders won three extra-session games as the previous record holders; this year's version has lost all three.

Racers make Raiders look like road kill at Murray

Doug Malan/Staff

Middle Tennessee fell victim to an "Mayes"ing performance from a Murray State guard Saturday as they lost 78-72 in Murray, where the Raiders haven't won since 1990.

MTSU (12-7, 5-4) has a two-game losing streak, it's longest of the season, and a paltry 1-3 record in conference road games.

Racer guard Deteri Mayes scored a career-high 33 points Saturday evening (he had 28 points in the teams' first meeting) on 10-18 shooting and held Raider forward Nod Carter in check for much of the game. Murray forward Vincent Rainey added 21 points and five rebounds.

Roni Bailey matched his numbers from the December 2nd meeting with 22 points and 10 rebounds and single-handedly kept Middle Tennessee within striking

distance in the first half.

"We played hard today but we had some defensive lapses," Bailey said. "We have to overcome that." The Raiders committed 21 turnovers in the game.

"We knew this game was going to come down to the wire," coach Randy Wiel said after his team fell to third place in the OVC. "It was one of those games where a bounce here and a bounce there decides the outcome."

Rainey hit a lay-up with 24 seconds left in the game that sealed the victory and capped a five-minute, 16-point Murray scoring spree. The Racer forward bobbed the ball as he went to the basket with a 74-72 lead.

"We want the game tied with two minutes to play," Wiel said. "We were in that position but Rainey just hit that great shot."

Early in the second half, Rainey drained a three-ball



from the right wing that extended the Racer lead to 41-32. Bailey quickly answered with his own three-pointer in the corner and temporarily subdued a Racer Arena crowd ready to explode into a frenzy.

The shot kept Middle close and gave them the momentum to pull within 46-44 on a Nod Carter three-pointer (16 points), Bailey jumper and lay-

ups by Torrey Moore and Martinez.

Carter's bucket marked the point at which he was able to break free of Mayes' defense, a major point of contention with the Raider staff and players, and contribute to Middle's impending streaks.

"I thought they got away with a lot of holding on Nod," said Wiel, who rarely criticizes

officials publicly. "But that's not what lost the game for us."

The Racers (11-6, 6-3) then scored nine unanswered points before Middle retaliated with two Richard Duncan three-pointers, four free-throws and a K.J. Harden lay-up in less than three minutes.

Wiel's squad grabbed their first lead of the second half, 60-58, when Carter hit a jumper on the baseline with 5:34 to play. It was their first lead since 6-4 at the 16:33 mark.

Murray State then started the streak that sealed the game, as Middle turned the ball over at crucial times.

A Bailey tip-in cut the deficit to two with 53 seconds remaining, but the Raiders wouldn't score again.

MSU's 63-percent second half shooting was a reflection of the two point explosions highlighted by open three-pointers and jumpers on the wings.

"We're still in good shape

because we win games at home," Wiel said. "We just need to pick some victories on the road."

Middle Tennessee trailed much of the first half, but with 8:48 to play, found themselves down only 21-19. Murray State's offense then hit warp speed as they outscored the visitors 13-2 in four minutes to take a commanding 34-21 lead. Mayes tallied five points in the run on two free throws and a three-pointer.

However the Raiders' resiliency, which was about the only thing as abundant as their turnovers, led them on an 8-2 run to close the first half behind a Freddie Martinez three and a Kent Ayer lay-up and foul conversion.

Middle Tennessee's next game will be televised at 8:00 p.m. Monday when the team travels to UT-Martin. The game will be seen live throughout the Southeast on FOX SportSouth Cable Network..

Fans bring cash, prepare to party

Staff Report

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — You don't need a tailgate to party in Sin City.

Trading their bratwurst and chowder for andouille sausage and gumbo, Green Bay and New England fans created a carnival atmosphere along the plaza outside the Superdome on Sunday while waiting for the Super Bowl to begin.

And this city loves carnivals even more than it loves football.

The accoutrement of choice for Packers fans was the now-famous foam cheesehead, of course. But there were also cheese baseball caps, cheese neckties and bowties, cheese seat cushions, and green and yellow Asian temple-like thingamajigs.

"Chinese cheeseheads," explained Mike Shohoney, a Packers season ticket-holder from Green Lake, Wis., who said his trip is a pilgrimage to the "Cajun Tundra" and the hat is a shrine to former Packers coach Vince Lombardi.

Concessionaires hawked po' boy sandwiches of all kinds, fried green tomatoes, stuffed okra, Creole gumbo, gator sausage, pecan pralines and plenty of beer, trying to satisfy the culinary desires of the

visiting Yankees.

"But nothing measures up to the old Johnsonville," Shohoney said, lamenting the absence of his favorite brand of brat.

On a stage nearby, blues musicians threw Mardi Gras beads to the crowd, but the tacky trinkets measured barely a ripple on the scale of bizarre fashion accessories.

Among those turning out for the game were brightly dressed men on stilts, others in Revolutionary War garb, another with a replica of the Vince Lombardi Trophy emerging from his football helmet and yet another dressed as a spotted cow, udders and all.

"Every weirdo in the world is here," said Roger Wargin, who dressed up his Sunday best with a foam cheese necktie. "You could probably fit all of Green Bay right in here."

"One of the Patriots fans said to me, 'Your city must be empty,'" added his neighbor, Sharon Ryan.

"I told him, 'No, I left the kids at home,'" Wargin said.

Amid the sea of Brett Favre and Drew Bledsoe jerseys filling into the dome was Steve Fine of Marblehead, Mass., wearing an old-style Steve Grogan No. 14. Fine's friend,

Scott Gilefsky, was at the dome in 1986 when Grogan's Patriots lost to the Chicago Bears 46-10.

"The worst part of that trip was the game," he said, explaining that the trip to New Orleans was worth it either way. "It's amazing what you can get for some beads, let's put it that way."

One reporter was offered \$3,000 for her press credential. Scalpers were getting up to \$4,000 for prime seats, with tickets costing at least \$800 just to get into the stadium.

Harvey Shropshire of Memphis said he was prepared to go home empty-handed — as he has in three of four previous Super Bowls he attended — if he can't get a pair for under \$1,000.

An unknowing Patriots fan from Tampa was taken for \$100 by some three-card Monte hustlers before the police pulled up to crush their cardboard box set-up and chase them away.

"That was all my partying money," said Matt Morris, who might have been pegged as an easy target by his replica Drew Bledsoe jersey.

One fan made a poignant case for pity.

"From Cleveland. No team. No tickets. Please help."

No word on whether he got in.

Jordan receives record number of votes from fans for NBA All-Stars

Associated Press

NEW YORK) — Michael Jordan, the leading vote-getter in the history of the NBA All-Star game, on Sunday became the first player to receive more than 2 million votes in one season.

In final fan voting for the Feb. 9 game at Cleveland, the Chicago Bulls guard led all players in votes for a record eighth time with 2,451,136.

Joining Jordan in the Eastern Conference starting lineup will be forwards Grant Hill of Detroit (1,868,020 votes) and Scottie Pippen of Chicago (1,683,956), center Patrick Ewing of New York (1,395,759) and guard Penny Hardaway of Orlando (1,132,024).

For the Western Conference, the starters will be forwards Charles Barkley of Houston (1,877,232) and Shawn Kemp of Seattle (1,713,049), center Hakeem Olajuwon of Houston (1,487,310) and guards Gary

Payton of Seattle (1,206,539) and John Stockton of Utah (1,127,250).

The rest of the 12-man teams will be selected by all the coaches in the respective conferences and announced this week. Houston's Rudy Tomjanovich will coach the West and Doug Collins of Detroit will coach the East.

Jordan, the MVP of last year's 129-118 East victory at San Antonio and the MVP in the 1988 game, will be playing in his 11th All-Star game.

During his career, he has received 12,009,832 votes. He also led the voting for seven consecutive seasons (1987-1993), before Barkley ended his streak in 1994. Hill was the top vote-getter in 1995 and 1996.

This will be the 12th All-Star appearance for Olajuwon, the 11th each for Ewing and Barkley, the ninth for Stockton, the seventh for Pippen, the fifth for Kemp, the fourth for Payton and the third each for Hill and

Hardaway.

Olajuwon is second to Jordan in career All-Star votes with 8,945,262 and former Los Angeles Lakers star Magic Johnson is third with 8,216,466.

Pippen was the MVP in the 1994 game, Barkley in 1991 and Stockton the co-MVP in 1993, with Utah teammate Karl Malone.

Ewing was delighted at being picked as a starter.

"It feels good," he said. "I'm very happy and looking forward to going. It means a lot. I'm usually picked by the coaches, but now I'm back in the starting lineup."

The East leads the series 29-17. The only other time the game was played at Cleveland was in 1981, with the East winning 123-120.

A record 8,879,330 votes were cast in this year's McDonald's All-Star balloting program, surpassing the mark of 6,446,259 set last year. In addition, a record 13 players each received more than 1 million votes. •

Ditka abandons NBC's broadcast booth to coach Big Easy's Saints

Staff Report

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mike Ditka, the fiery coach who led the Chicago Bears to a Super Bowl title, will become the coach of the New Orleans Saints this week, a highly placed NFL source told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Ditka, who quit his job as a television commentator Saturday, was picked after general manager Bill Kuharich lobbied strongly for him, the source said.

"Bill Kuharich has convinced (Saints owner) Tom

Benson that Mike Ditka is the right man to coach the Saints and help bring the crowds back to the Superdome," the source said.

Kuharich will remain with the team as president and general manager, the source said.

Kuharich did not return calls after messages were left on his answering machine on Sunday. Benson declined comment.

Ditka was in New Orleans Sunday for the pregame coin toss at the Super Bowl.

"Today is about the Super Bowl," Ditka said as he

walked to the field prior to the game, won by the Green Bay Packers 35-21 over the New England Patriots. "Tomorrow somebody will talk."

Asked if he would like to coach the Saints, Ditka smiled and said, "Yes."

After the coin toss, NFL officials surrounded Ditka and rushed him to a waiting elevator without comment to reporters.

The announcement from the Saints was expected early in the week.

Jim Mora, the Saints' coach since 1986 and the only coach in the 30-year history of the franchise to produce

winning seasons and playoff berths, quit after the team fell to 2-6 last season. He cited personal reasons.

With Rick Venturi the interim coach, the Saints lost seven of their last eight games while playing the league's easiest schedule. They finished 3-13, their second-worst record since the NFL went to a 16-game schedule in 1978. New Orleans was 1-15 in 1980.

With the Saints playing their third straight losing season and fourth non-winning season, attendance fell, as did season ticket sales. The Saints did not sell out a

home game this season.

Ditka, 57, was an assistant coach for Dallas when the Bears made him their coach in 1982. He led Chicago to a 112-68 record, six NFC Central titles, three NFC Championship games and the Bears' only Super Bowl victory, a 46-10 rout of New England 11 years ago.

Ditka, coach of the year in 1985 and '88, was fired by the Bears after Chicago went 5-11 in 1992 and became an analyst for NBC's pro football telecasts.

His Bears teams were known for their strong defenses and eccentric

personalities. He created a national sensation when he used a 350-pound defensive lineman, William "The Refrigerator" Perry, as a running back in goaline situations. Perry scored a touchdown in the Bears Super Bowl victory.

Ditka played 12 seasons as tight end with the Bears, Philadelphia Eagles and Cowboys.

Ditka has had some health problems, including heart trouble and three hip operations. His right hip was replaced in 1984 and his left hip was replaced in 1992. •

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The 1997 Blue Raider Baseball Groundhog Day Luncheon is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 3, in the Tennessee Room in the James Union Building. The menu remains the same with white beans, ham hocks, tomato salad, green onions, and cornbread, with chocolate cake and ice cream for dessert.

Former Blue Raiders who are now playing professionally who will be attending include: Eddie Pye (New York Mets), Jason Maxwell (Chicago Cubs), Jamie Hicks (Atlanta Braves), Doug Barner (Tampa Bay Devil Rays), and George Oleksik (Arizona Diamondbacks).

Reservations need to be made by January 29. The cost will be \$6, \$8 for those tickets bought after the 29th.

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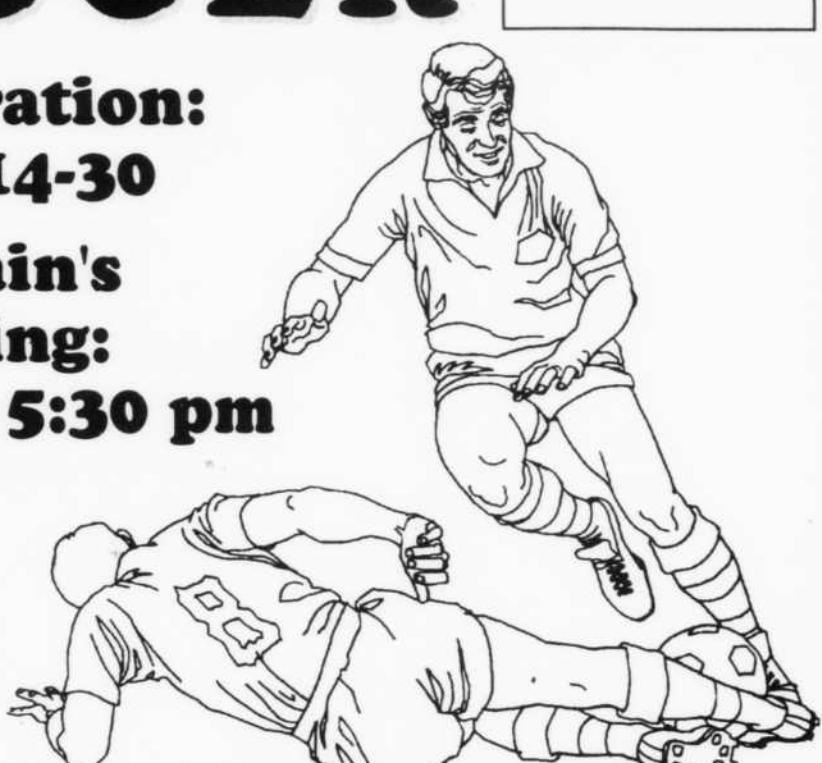
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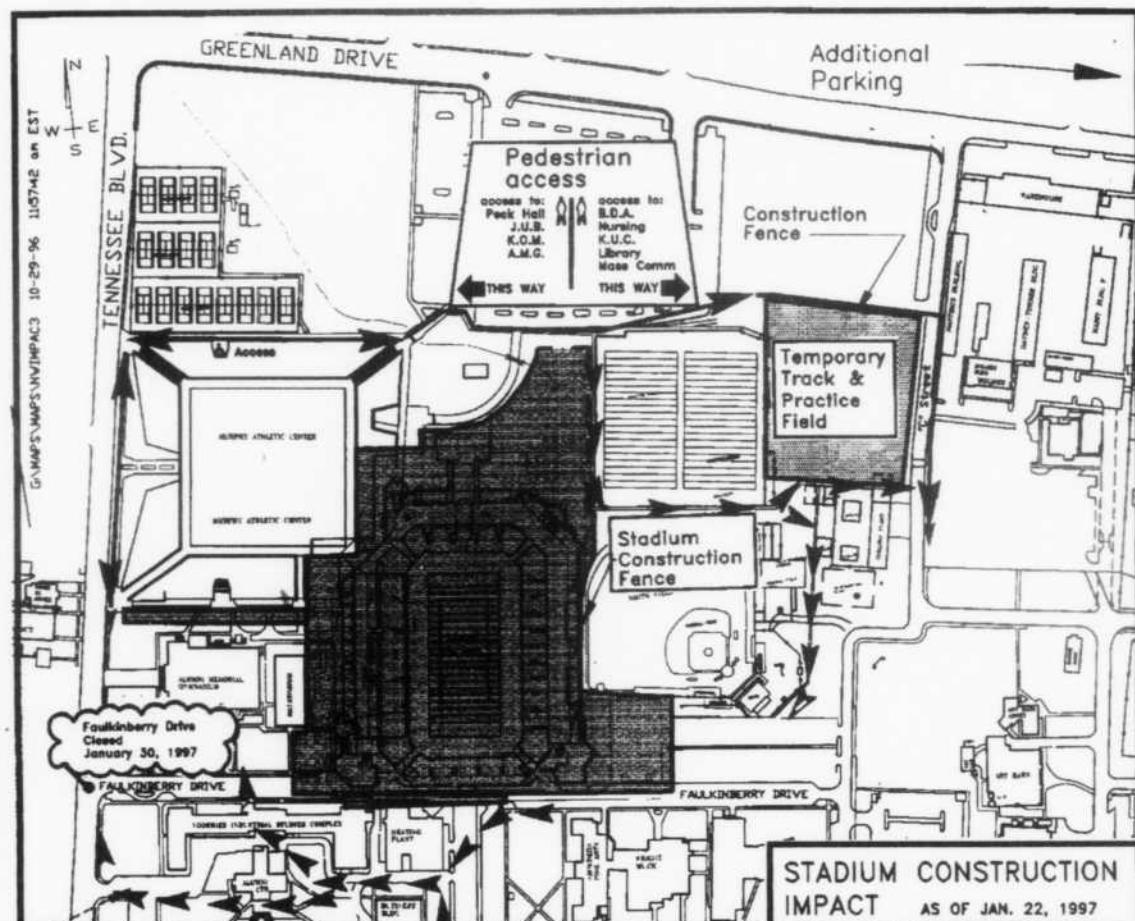
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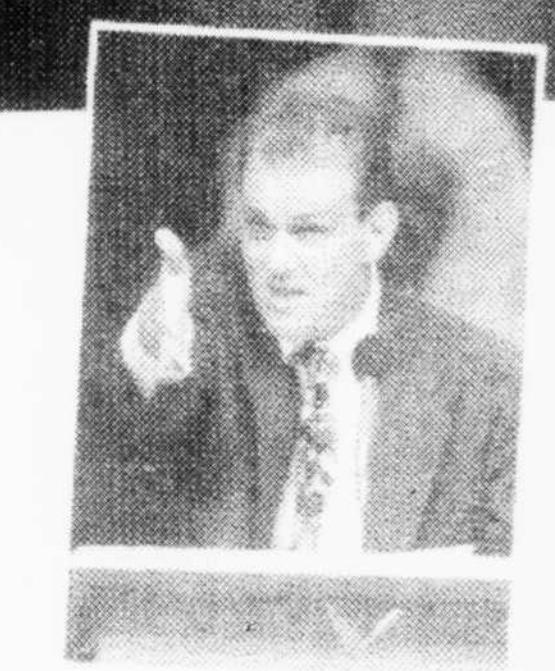
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