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Paving her way

Haskew in running for NIU presidency

Jenny Cordle
News Editor



Haskew

MTSU's provost and vice president for Academic Affairs said she's "honored" that she may soon find herself in the "oval office" of a university not unlike MTSU.

Colleagues say Barbara S. Haskew is nothing short of an "energetic, hardworking leader with a vision."

Haskew is no stranger to experience, which has ultimately prepared her for the demands of serving as the Northern Illinois University president, if she were to be chosen for the position.

An NIU committee has been looking for a new president since last June, when NIU President John La Tourette announced his retirement.

"At this point, we're just looking at each other," said Haskew about her consideration of working at NIU and of NIU officials' nomination of her as one of the four finalists for the job.

After five months of searching, on Feb. 9 the committee members presented the Board of Trustees with four candidates: Robert L. Hampton, Peter J. Nicholls, John G. Peters and Haskew.

Haskew said she was not surprised her competitors are men.

"In situations such as these, there are usually more men than women," she said.

Haskew flies today to Chicago and DeKalb, Ill., where she will attend meetings and public forums.

The other candidates, who will follow in turn until March 10, make for stiff competition.

Search Committee Co-chair Robert Boye said he believes "these four finalists represent an impressive range of backgrounds and an excellent breadth of experience."

Hampton, associate provost for Academic Affairs and dean for Undergraduate Studies at the University of Maryland, College Park, also teaches sociology and family studies.

Nicholls serves as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

at Kansas State University. He's no stranger to Northern Illinois. He's not only taught mathematics for 20 years, he also served as associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from 1987-1991, and as acting dean of the university in 1988.

Peters serves as provost and senior vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and was named UTK's interim chancellor in January.

"All have held positions of faculty leadership in which they have developed new academic programs, all have been involved in programs for minority students, and all have substantial fundraising experience," Boye said.

From 1995 to 1998, Haskew served as dean of MTSU's College of Business. During her tenure as dean, Haskew served as interim vice president for Development and University Relations and as president of the MTSU Foundation.

Since 1995 she has been provost and vice president for Academic Affairs.

Haskew's assistant, Faye Johnson, said Haskew is "passionate about learning and works hard to see what students and faculty need for their environments."

Haskew said MTSU and NIU's See Haskew, 3

Oil shortage causes fuel prices to bounce sky high

Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum
Staff Reporter

With gas prices climbing across the United States, MTSU students, many of whom commute from Nashville, are feeling pressure at the pump.

Gas prices plummeted last spring due to the low price of oil, which is necessary to produce gasoline.

A gallon of gas could be purchased for less than \$1 in many areas, including Murfreesboro.

In the last year, gas prices have steadily increased from sea to sea and locally are as high as \$1.55 per gallon.

"I remember when (gas prices) used to be under a dollar," said Sara Petty, a sophomore history major. "I wouldn't bitch if it were under a dollar now."

The fuel cost situation is a basic supply-and-demand issue, explained Reuben Kyle, professor of economics. The governments of oil-producing nations, who were displeased with the low selling price of oil, decided to lower production in order to increase the value of oil and subsequently fuel prices.

"Last spring, when oil prices dropped to \$10 per barrel," Kyle said, "the oil-producing countries got together and decided to reduce production."

"Over 18 months, oil production dropped. I think, about 2 million barrels of oil per day, because they didn't like the price of oil dropping so low," Kyle said.

After lowering production over the last 18 months, oil prices have almost tripled, causing a massive increase in cost at the pump.

"Oil prices have increased about \$20 per barrel. My math shows this increased the cost of gas 50 cents per gallon," Kyle said.

Junior computer science major Marty Stevens was so affected by the inflated fuel prices, he rearranged his academic schedule and commutes to MTSU only two days a week to attend classes.

"I filled up (last week), and it cost me \$5 more than before. When you work part-time and go to school, it really hurts," said Stevens.

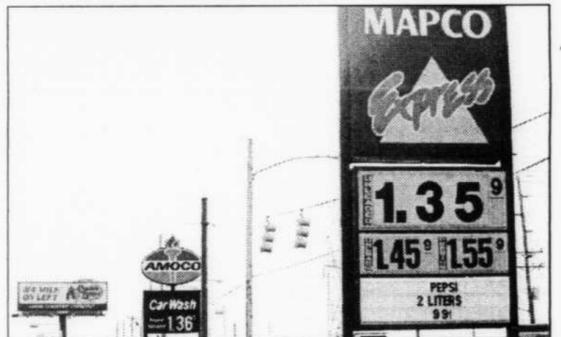
Lindsay Littrell, a junior social work major, commutes from Murfreesboro to her job in Nashville daily. "Every day I



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(Above) Junior business finance major Holly Berry appears upset over the high prices as she pumps gasoline at an Exxon on Church Street.

(Right) Signs from Mapco and Amoco on Church Street reflect the prices of gasoline on Friday, February 18. Regular gasoline at Amoco was selling at \$1.36 per gallon, while Mapco was a penny cheaper at \$1.35.



drive 80 miles. I buy (gas) from the cheapest place," said Littrell. "When I first got here two years ago, I could get gas for 74 cents (per gallon) at Mapco."

Despite the high cost, students are not likely to drive less, said Kyle.

"We are all facing an immediate problem, but we take (the funds) out of somewhere else. We go to fewer movies or buy fewer beers."

This is not the first time the United States has dealt with the high fuel cost issue. During the '70s oil shortage, speed limits were lowered to create efficient use of fuel.

"We found more ways to be efficient in the '70s. We drove different cars."

"In 1973, the typical American car had a V-8 engine and got about 12 miles to the gallon. Back then I thought MTSU would take it in the

neck," Kyle said. Fortunately, there was no significant drop in enrollment. This time around, people will not make major behavioral changes to compensate for the high gas prices, explained Kyle.

"I won't drive any less," said Holly Berry, a junior business finance major. "But my mom did threaten to take my gas card away because gas is so much." ■

Bush, McCain shift GOP fight to Michigan

David Espo
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Fresh from a South Carolina triumph, George W. Bush said Sunday he was campaigning to "bring our country together." John McCain called his Republican rival a big spender, then taunted, "if he's a reformer, I'm an astronaut."

Both men moved through the first day of a tightly compressed campaign in Michigan as the pace of the Republican presidential nomination battle quickened. It fell to McCain, the underdog in uncontained need of a win, to outline the stakes.

"We won round one," he said, referring to his landslide in New Hampshire's presidential primary on Feb. 1. "Governor Bush won round two," a lopsided win in South Carolina.

"Now we go to round three," he said.

Bush strategists were hoping South Carolina would give their man the momentum. McCain countered with an endorsement from Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., who had sup-

ported Bush but said he was put off by the candidate's appeal in South Carolina.

One poll, taken before South Carolina voted, rated Michigan a toss-up. It had Bush ahead in the GOP strongholds and McCain running stronger in the areas where independent voters and blue collar, Reagan-style Democrats reside.

With the primary set for Tuesday, there was no time for either campaign to make new television commercials, or even purchase additional time on the state's stations.

Bush, the Texas governor, flew in Saturday night and headed straight for the Republican strongholds around Grand Rapids.

"Obviously, last night lifted my spirits and my spirits are still high," he said after attending Sunday's major church services.

Exit polls in South Carolina showed that Bush's claim to be a "reformer with results" had connected, and also that voters believed McCain, more than his rival, had engaged in unfair attacks.

That left McCain with a tricky task of trying to underscore his conservative creden-

tials at the same time he was angling to undercut Bush's claim of being a reformer — all the while upholding his pledge to run a positive campaign. A Bush ad that criticized McCain for questioning his integrity was a response to a McCain commercial that aired in South Carolina but was not shown to Michigan voters.

Appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," McCain said Bush's record on spending compared unfavorably with President Clinton's.

"Spending in Texas has almost doubled, while spending under Clinton has been increased by 20 percent," he said. At a rally in Livonia, he added that Bush had been a supporter of last year's omnibus spending bill in Congress, a measure he said contained the "most outrageous pork barreling spending."

"I voted against it," said McCain, who represents Arizona in the Senate.

"Governor Bush said he'd support it and sign it."

To renew his appeal to independents, McCain criticized Bush's record on campaign finance reform in scathing terms.

"Governor Bush is the governor of a state that has the most liberal campaign contribution laws," he said.

He also said Bush takes credit for HMO reform in his state, when in fact, "he vetoed the bill once and allowed it to become law without his signature."

Despite his drubbing in South Carolina, McCain appeared upbeat throughout the day. Sitting in cramped quarters aboard his campaign bus, he joked that the lucky shoes he wears every day have a new name: "unlucky shoes."

After a run of early primaries, the campaign was going national.

Bush was airing ads in California, Washington, North Dakota, Virginia, Michigan and Arizona, McCain's home state, which also holds a primary Tuesday.

McCain was airing commercials in Michigan, Washington, California and Virginia.

Bush's victory Saturday night came as a relief to the front-runner's campaign, which had struggled to reassure its allies that the New Hampshire defeat was merely a "bump in the road." ■

Voting begins Wednesday in Tennessee presidential primary

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Early voting begins Wednesday in Tennessee for the March 14 presidential primary.

State elections coordinator Brook Thompson predicts about 100,000 people will vote in the early period, which runs through March 9, and another 400,000 on March 14. The state has 3 million registered voters.

However, he said the projections could change depending on how contested the primaries are.

"It all depends on what happens between then and now," Thompson said. "There won't be as many people voting if it's over by then."

There are 29 presidential primaries or caucuses between Wednesday and March 14.

"The turnout here is up in the air," Thompson said.

Six Republicans and three Democrats are on the Tennessee ballot, but three of the GOP candidates — Bob Bauer, Steve Forbes and Orrin Hatch — have withdrawn from the race. On the Democratic ballot are former Sen. Bill Bradley, Vice President Al Gore and Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr. Filling out the ballot are Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Alan Keyes and Sen. John McCain.

Tennessee allows crossover voting, requiring voters only to ask which party ballot they want. About half of Tennessee's 95 counties also have local elections in conjunction with the presidential primary. Most of those are for property assessor.

In the state's presidential primary four years ago, 54,119 people voted early, 16 percent of the turnout. The 1996 winners were President Clinton and Robert Dole.

Gore, who spent part of his youth in Tennessee, has never lost an election in the state. He was elected to the House of Representatives four times, to the Senate twice and carried the state twice running as vice president. His presidential campaign headquarters are in Nashville.

Tennessee is a bellwether in presidential elections. The last losing presidential candidate who carried the state was Richard Nixon in 1960. ■

On Campus

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements with later dates may be held.

Feb. 21

A teacher job fair will be held at the Vanderbilt Stadium Club from 3-7 p.m. Representatives from approximately 100 school districts will be present. Directions and free parking permits are available in the MTSU Placement Center, KUC, Room 328. For more information, call 898-2500.

Interviews will be held in the KUC Tuesday through Friday for teacher recruitment week. For more information, call 898-2500.

Feb. 24

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a free legal clinic on January 24 from 7-9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty and staff (men are also welcome). Appointments to speak with an attorney can be made by calling Candi Russell at 898-2193. Space is limited.

Feb. 21/Mar. 3

The General Studies Committee will be holding a series of open forums in order to give feedback before a final version of the General Studies Mission Statement is drafted. The meetings will be at Feb. 8 from 2-3 p.m. in PH, Room 109A, Feb. 24 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in DSB, Room 100 and March 10 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in BAS, Room S126. For more information, call Bill Bradley, director of general studies, at 898-8416.

Feb. 25

Entries for the Society of Professional Journalists Green Eyeshade Excellence in Journalism awards are due. Print and broadcast journalists may enter. For more information, call Kevin Koelling at 898-8193.

Feb. 26

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a trip to the Nashville Predators vs. Tampa Bay Lightning hockey game for MTSU's disabled students from 4:30 p.m. to around midnight. A pre-game meeting will be held at the Campus Recreation Center at 4:00 p.m. Contact Molly or Ray at 898-2104 for more information.

Japan-US Program of MTSU is present-

ing Dr. Donald Smith of University of Alabama for a lecture titled "Japanese Relations With Asia" at 5:30 p.m. in the Jade Dragon Restaurant, 1433 Memorial Blvd. The dinner/lecture will cost \$7.95 per adult person. For more information, call 898-2229.

Feb. 29

Campus Recreation is hosting a free-throw and 3-point contest. Participants may sign up prior to event at the Campus Recreation Center or on Court 1 on the day of the contest. Contact Chris Gravlee at 898-2104 for more information.

Mar. 3-5

Campus Recreation is hosting a backpacking and rappelling trip to Sipsey Wilderness, Ala. A pre-trip meeting will be held at the Campus Recreation Center March 1 at 5 p.m. Contact Mitch, Sean or Karolyn at 898-2104 for more information.

Mar. 9

Campus Recreation and Human Services is sponsoring a Nutrition and Fitness Awareness Fair from 1-4 p.m. in the Campus Rec Lounge. Find out your body composition, weight, blood pressure, flexibility and cardiovascular fitness. Nutritional and fitness educational materials will be available to all participants. For more information, call Jerry or Allison at 898-2104.

Mar. 14

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a bench press contest. Participants must register by March 10. The cost is \$5 for individuals and \$10 for teams (five to a team). Contact Allison or Jerry at 898-2104 for more information.

Mar. 15-16

Two faculty open forums are scheduled to be held in BAS, State Farm Lecture Hall, Room S102/204 at 1:30 p.m. The faculty is encouraged to attend these meetings to discuss faculty issues or other university matters of interest.

Mar. 25-31

The Campus Recreation Center will host a ski summit to Colorado for spring

break. There will be a pre-trip meeting on March 14. Two price packages are available. A \$200 deposit will reserve a spot. For more information, call Mitch, Sean or W.T. at 898-2104.

Mar. 25-Apr. 2

Outdoor Pursuits is hosting a raft, canoe and funyad for the Rio Grande. The cost is \$199 for students with a limit of 15 participants. For more information, call W.T. at 898-2104.

Ongoing

The Lambda Association welcomes gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight students to general interest meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in BAS, Room S301. Contact Tony Gowell at 867-3658 for more information.

Cyber Cafe at Woodmore presents "Open Mic Night" every Monday from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

The MTSU Peer Education Program is currently accepting new members. Credit hours are available. Applications may be picked up in KUC, Room 303, or call 898-5453 for more information.

The June Anderson Women's Center will be hosting a weekly support meeting, "Women: Food and Body Image," Tuesdays in the CKNB, Room 124 at 3:15 p.m. The group is also holding meetings on Thursdays titled "Looking Forward" at the same time and location. For more information, call Mary Glantz at 898-5725.

The Student Pagan Organization holds meetings every Thursday in the second floor lounge of the KUC at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in Wicca, Paganism, Shamanism or any other alternative spirituality is welcome. For more information, contact John Bryan at 907-3328.

Raider Victory Ministry and Champions for Christ are holding weekly Bible meetings on Mondays at 7 p.m. in Scarlett Commons, Room 317. Contact Delvin Pikes at 896-2348 for more information. They are also holding worship services on Sundays at 10 a.m. in AMG Alumni Gym. The service is open to students, faculty and the community. For more information, contact Delvin Pikes at 896-2348.

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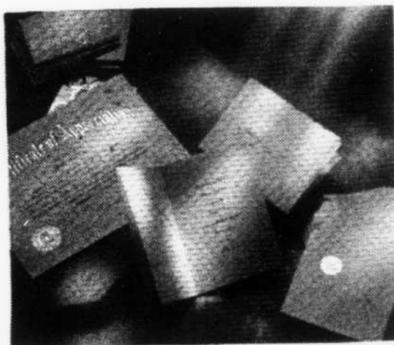
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Texas Tech scholarships target recovering addicts

TMS Campus

AUSTIN (TMS) — Students recovering from drug and alcohol abuse have been receiving scholarships to attend Texas Tech University thanks to a 13-year-old program that now needs a new director.

Carl Andersen, more fondly known by students as "Dr. A.," is the current director and original founder of the Center for the Study of Addiction, which offers 36 scholarships each semester.

Recipients are required to prove sobriety for at least a year and to attend recovery meetings on campus.

Moving tales of struggling students who beat the odds - one went from spending hundreds of dollars on cocaine and marijuana to achieving a 3.95 grade-point average - are not uncommon.

The program is designed to award more scholarship money for higher grades, with awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,500.

But many of the students said money is only a secondary perk of the program. Christa Lee, a junior who joined the program in 1998, told The Chronicle of Higher Education that "having a community of young people to be friends with who don't drink is really helpful" in maintaining sobriety and refocusing on academics.

While the Center's scholarship program originally had not sat well with some uni-

"It's tough to find someone with the credentials to make the academic cut and to make the recovery cut."

**Carl Andersen,
Director and Founder of
Center for the Study of Addiction**

versity administrators, its proven success over the years has led to a \$1-million endowment comprised of private donations.

"Raising money for scholarships hasn't been difficult," Andersen said. "What we have trouble finding is administrative funding."

Administrative expenses include salaries of positions overseeing the program.

After a scandal surrounding the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drugs Abuse in 1996, the program suffered a drastic cut of the usual federal funding.

The state legislature and the Commission have since been cautious about lending support, and the Center has

had to rely on private funding the past few years to cover all of its expenses.

"I don't feel good about that," Andersen told The Chronicle.

"I would rather be raising money for scholarships."

However, Andersen will continue to raise money for scholarships and salaries as the center looks for a leader to fill his spot.

"My retirement is not on the immediate horizon, but I'm 65, and it's time for me to go," he said with a chuckle.

The center is actively searching for a replacement.

"They've got to be able to jump through the tenure hoop - meaning they have to have a Ph.D., write papers and do research - and they must either be in recovery or in immersed in recovery understanding," Andersen said.

He added that "it's tough to find someone with the credentials to make the academic cut and to make the recovery cut."

Andersen said some of the program's alumni are qualified for the position, but the university has made it a policy not to recruit from its own graduates.

Ultimately, "it's a thrilling adventure," Andersen said about the directorship. "But it'll also be challenging."

So far, no one has submitted an application for the position, but Andersen expects to hire someone by the summer of 2002. ■

Bar raid used to find dorm fire witnesses

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Frustrated by an investigation grown cold, authorities used a raid on underage drinking at a popular bar to round up potential witnesses to a deadly dorm fire at Seton Hall University, The Star-Ledger of Newark reported Sunday.

Nearly a dozen of the students arrested during the raid at the New Hall Tavern just before 1:30 a.m. Friday were given subpoenas to testify Tuesday before a grand jury looking into the fire, the newspaper said. Investigators had expected the group to be at the bar.

The Jan. 19 blaze killed three freshmen and injured 62 people. Law enforcement sources, whom the newspaper did not identify, said their investigation has been hampered because

some students have been withholding information.

According to the newspaper, investigators believe the fire was deliberately set, and they are focusing on three freshmen. All three were in the bar early Friday, and at least one was given a subpoena.

"I'm not going to confirm or deny anything regarding grand jury subpoenas," Charlotte Smith, executive assistant prosecutor for Essex County, said Sunday. She refused to "discuss or make any comment on the fire investigation."

Officers charged 37 people in the tavern with underage drinking. The bar's owner, John Holland of Cedar Grove was charged with serving minors, possessing an unregistered handgun and other offenses. ■

Cast, fans cope with close of 'Cats'

NEW YORK (AP) — The cast and fans of "Cats" on Sunday coped with the news that the longest-running show in Broadway history will be closing, sharing tears, hugs and even a few smiles.

"When I first heard the news, I was devastated," said Hector Montalvo, a Manhattan computer software salesman who said he has seen the show 670 times. As he stood in line for another performance Sunday, tears streamed down his face.

"This is such a sad thing, but I guess all good things must come to an end," he said.

The musical, which has a score by Andrew Lloyd Webber, will bring down the curtain June 25, nearly two decades after it opened at Broadway's Winter Garden Theater. There will have been a record-breaking 7,397 performances.

"Cats," advertised as "Now

and Forever," has long been a major tourist attraction. By its final night, it will have played to more than 10 million theatergoers in New York.

The show's grosses on Broadway alone are estimated at more than \$380 million. But in the last two years, its weekly receipts have been dwindling, at times falling to only 50 percent capacity, particularly in the winter months after Christmas.

"It was bound to happen someday. When you look at it, we're running into our 18th year and the houses have been slow. It's a business and they have to make their money," Danielle said.

"It makes people cherish the performances," said Lenny Daniel, 33, who plays Alonzo. "Everything sharpens, and you focus on what I can do to do the best and enjoy the time the absolute most." ■

Haskew: Promotion would move her, husband north

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environments are very similar.

According to Haskew's cover letter to the presidential search committee, "Both (MTSU and NIU) are large institutions of higher education with similar beginnings.

As comprehensive universities serving dynamic regions, both have important roles in responding to changing educational and service needs."

Haskew also noted that "both universities have chosen to compete at the highest levels in collegiate athletics as well as academics."

NIU, chartered in 1895, is a comprehensive teaching and research institution with about 23,000 students.

The university is composed of seven degree-granting colleges that offer 54 undergraduate majors; 70 graduate majors, including 10 Ph.D. programs.

doctoral degrees in education, and the Juris Doctorate. Northern is a NCAA Division I school, and the NIU Huskies compete in the Mid-American Conference.

Haskew said if she does become NIU's 11th president, her husband, who has business interests in Chattanooga, will move with her.

Haskew said she commutes most of the time from Chattanooga to Murfreesboro.

"I know I-24 better than anybody," she said.

About her busy schedule, Haskew said that administrators "have a lot of people to help us out. We don't have to do all the work."

She said she's hoping NIU has lots of people to help if she is selected as president.

"I expect it will be more demanding," she said, "but I'll have to ask President Walker about that." ■

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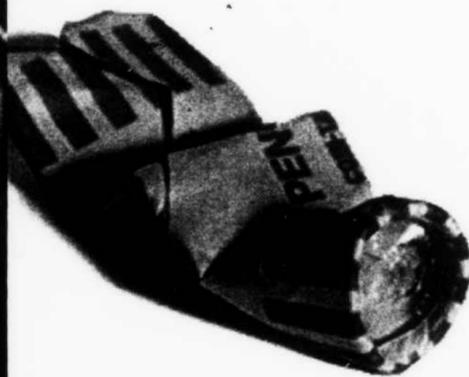
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UNCC students push for name change

Jon Goldberg
Knight-Ridder Tribune

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Mike Holdenrid is sick of sports announcers and outsiders confusing his school with UNC Chapel Hill or calling it NC Charlotte or UNCC Charlotte.

He and hundreds of other students are suggesting a solution: Change UNC Charlotte to University of Charlotte.

"Some people think we're even a community college," said Holdenrid, who was raised in Charlotte and is president of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.

"It's really frustrating."

The name change idea has bobbed around the campus for years, but never before has a student group carried it so far. Delta Sig members collected more than 1,000 signatures from students supporting the name change this month.

At the Feb. 26 homecoming basketball game against Tulane, they plan to wear green T-shirts reading "University of Charlotte" while screaming from their courtside seats.

The group's members are also reaching out to alumni, who they feel they need to win the fight.

Fraternity members plan to man homecoming booths about the issue. They've also set up message boards on Internet sites to get the word out.

UNCC officials haven't discussed the issue and are not pursuing it, said Jack Claiborne, the university's public relations director.

He said students will face a long, tough battle.

"We have more than 65,000 alumni who

"I want a name that doesn't sound like we're seceding from the union."

Ken Carpenter,
1978 UNCC graduate

drive sends the opposite message from Pembroke - that the school doesn't want to be part of the UNC system.

Though he doesn't object to the possibility of a name change, he's not sure University of Charlotte is the right fit. He'd want to keep UNC in the name.

"That's part of our identity," said Carpenter, a team manager at Wachovia Bank in Winston-Salem. "I want a name that doesn't sound like we're seceding from the union."

UNCC graduate James McCoy, who as the Delta Sig adviser helps steer the group's plans, said students are proud of their UNC affiliation.

That doesn't mean they want it in the school's name, any more than Appalachian State University wants to become UNC Boone, he said.

McCoy has watched people flub the UNCC name for years. He said his freshman roommate visited the school thinking it was UNC Chapel Hill but liked it so much that he stayed.

Later, while working for the school's sports information department, McCoy watched reporters call or write it every way but the correct one.

The University of Charlotte name would help the school distinguish itself, while also boosting the city's name recognition, he said.

"It would give the city a lot more ownership to the university," said McCoy, who graduated in 1993 and is now an MBA student.

"We're right here in the middle of one of the fastest growing regions, and it's still just considered a suitcase, satellite school on the outskirts of the city."

Ken Carpenter, a 1978 UNCC graduate who is co-president of the Triad-area alum-

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SIDELINES ■ 5

From the Editor Take some time for yourself

I don't know anybody on this campus who's not stressed. But I do know that nobody's going to do anything about it.

The second part in Managing Editor Angela White's series on stress appears on page 6.

All our lives, people have been preaching on how to live a stress-free life. And all our lives, we've ignored the advice.

I'm going to say it, too, in the hopes I can convince myself to change: to eat better, exercise more, sleep regularly, take time out for myself.

But I'll be honest: I don't follow the rules, either.

I have just come off a three-day

getaway and am feeling pretty good.

Granted, the world didn't stop while I was out of the state. When I got back into town Saturday, I still had homework to do and unanswered e-mail to respond to.

But things are a little better now.

I know I was lucky to get to leave town this time, but I have occasionally been just as successful at relieving stress by not even leaving my apartment.

Do you know how great it feels to wake up one morning and decide that day will be a stress-free day?

Try it sometime.

Make the realization that the world is not going to stop if you miss work or class one day.

Stay in bed and watch both episodes of "Wings" on USA-M (primetime comedy in the morning).

Eat cereal.

And don't talk to a single person.

You owe it to yourself and to those around you.

I've got to go. This deadline is stressing me out. Plus I'm tired, and I've still got homework to do.

Randall Ford

Views from the Crowd

by R. Colin Fly, Opinions Editor

Common Good

Just when it seems like nobody cares, humanity steps in and saves us

I was really bummed the other day. You see, I had a friend call me enraged over something that happened earlier in the week.

She and a friend had been walking across First Street away from the Sims and Judd dorms and in the general direction of the Stuart Hall apartments, enjoying the day.

As my friends attempted to cross at 2 p.m. on a typical Wednesday afternoon, a white '91 or '92 Buick Roadmaster with an MTSU license plate was traveling, by three other witnesses' accounts "at least double the speed limit," and nearly ran over them. As the car slammed on its brakes to a screeching halt, the pedestrian shouted out, "F*** you!"

Here's where the story gets interesting. The driver of the vehicle, which had a handicap parking pass, threw the car in reverse and, driving backward in the wrong lane of traffic, returned to confront the pedestrian and immediately said, "You dick-head!"

The pedestrian retorted that students have the right of way at all times on campus, to which the driver responded that that was only true in the defined crosswalks, not the street.

"There was a lot of yelling and screaming," one eyewitness said. After the dialogue, the angry driver sped off and once again approached his previous speed.

Here's the worst part of the story -- the four people who I've talked to at length indicated the man seemed to be a faculty member, though no one could confirm this.

The act of the driver is deplorable. First, if the driver was a student, how would he feel if someone nearly ran over him while doing twice the speed limit?

As a student body need to treat everyone with at least a little common respect. If he had hit the pedestrians, he certainly may have caused serious bodily harm, resulting in a lawsuit or prison sentence.

The last time I checked a law book, you go to prison for intentionally running over a pedestrian.

If the driver was a faculty member, he should be reprimanded.

What type of example is this for the community? Faculty members represent the university more so than the students do.

Finally, if the driver was indeed handicapped, that would make this even more heinous. Some of the most brilliant, caring and thoughtful people on this campus are handicapped. I refuse to believe that a handicapped person would have that large a chip on his or her shoulder to purposely almost run someone down.

So, as I said, I was real down on the human race this week. Luckily, when I get depressed

about the state of humanity, someone else lifts me up.

Just as I thought no one would help a common person in need, I found myself right in the middle of a situation.

At the Exxon station on the corner of 96 and Northfield, an attendant was leaving work at around 10:20 p.m. The lady was driving an early '70s blue four-door car that stalled in the middle of 96 as she tried to make a left turn out of the store.

My friend and I were leaving the station and immediately noticed the problem.

We pulled over and tried to help the lady push the car back into safety.

As we were avoiding traffic, an electric blue '96 or '97 flared Ford Pickup pulled into the station from which a student from MTSU jumped out to help.

Then another person turned into the station, this time in a '95 or '96 4-door, Honda Accord, or similar car, also with a green parking pass. He too jumped out to help. One of the two guys was wearing a Michigan hat backwards.

We helped the lady into the station, and I felt a renewed sense of people helping others for the "common good."

Maybe that's sappy, but I noticed that the driver of the pickup drove away, while the driver of the other car stayed to pump gas.

The guy in the truck stopped simply to help with no other motivating factor. It was so instantaneous that I didn't even get a chance to introduce myself, just a brief moment to say, "thank you."

We all left, and I felt that the world was good again.

I want to commend the two gentlemen who helped us that night. They acted in the way which we should all treat our fellow humans.

Not only that, but they did it knowing there was nothing monetary or materialistic to gain, only pride in themselves.

As for the driver of the Buick Roadster, grow up. If you are "grown-up" in your mind, get a life.

You're an idiot for the way you conducted yourself.

So what if the pedestrian cursed you? He had a right to.

Pedestrians have the right of way on campus at all times and in all situations. You, however, did not have the right to confront him.

If you know someone who drives like that, ask him or her why they act in such a self-centered, materialistic way.

We're all in this world together.

We should try to make it as painless as possible and work for the common good, don't you think?

That's the View. E-mail me at MTSUViews @ email.com or slopinio @ mtsu.edu. ■

Letters to the Editor

Race not the issue; everyone invited to Greek Row

I have read the letter to the editor in the Monday, Feb. 14 edition of "Sidelines," which suggested Greek Row was funded by tax dollars and questioned the lack of coverage of African-American fraternities and sororities.

After reading your letter I ask you -- What exactly offended you and what are you suggesting that "blacks" should take a stand against?

First let me say, you have no idea what you are talking about.

You have made a naive statement based on ignorance, and you are pulling your trump card (racism).

I urge you to (before the next time you take such a stand) become a little more educated about your subject matter.

By now you have hopefully read the editor's note under your letter (which referenced the "Sidelines" article that expressed that no tax dollars were used to fund Greek Row) and realize what I am talking about.

Let me reveal the simplicity of the situation to you.

All fraternities (black or white as you say) had to do was put up \$10,000.

Greek Row has been a function for years on this campus. If any organization did not step up to make it happen, then why in the world should they be awarded or recognized for anything?

Let me also offer this to you. You are the only one making the black/white division.

Maybe I should tell you that in these "white fraternities," there are black, Asian, and Laotian members. Why is it so important to you that it be pointed out if "black" fraternities were asked to be part of the Row?

It seems to me that you are the one creating the "black/white" split. Would you like special recognition just because you are African American?

Jeanette, I would like to answer your questions posed in the end of your letter.

Yes, you are part of this state.

Yes, you are part of the university.

BUT, you deserve no special recognition or preferential treatment because of race, color, nationality or any other factor.

If you think you are entitled to either, then you are fueling your so-called "breeding grounds," and you are helping to keep the tension on this subject alive.

I invite you to reflect on the story of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." Let me draw a parallel to its significance in what you've done in your letter.

You scream racism once and everyone will take heed.

You scream racism the second, third, and fourth time, fewer will listen.

When it actually does become part of an issue, no one will listen, because you, and only you, have twisted a simple situation into a deep rooted problem which is not really even there.

Jason Duke
Senior, Recording Industry

Pick your tax battle

Which do you prefer:

1. A sales tax that cannot be deducted from federal income taxes, or a state income tax that can be deducted from federal income taxes?

2. A state in sound fiscal shape with a AAA bond rating, or a state that is continually in fiscal disarray in danger of losing its AAA bond rating?

3. A university that offers students the classes they need when they need them, or a university that offers students the classes they need on an irregular basis?

4. A university with a relatively low tuition cost, or a university with a high tuition cost?

5. A state that supports universities that attract top-notch students and faculty, or a state

that encourages top-notch students and faculty to leave the state?

You can't have it both ways. Something must be done to make the state revenue system more flexible to meet the growing (as in population growth) demands of the state.

The current tax system does not do that.

Nor does the current tax system allow for raising faculty salaries to at least the national average, to keeping tuition costs affordable, to providing for the basic programs mandated by the federal and state governments.

Ted Sherman
Associate Professor of
English

No GPA satisfaction

Come this fall, teachers will be given the option of grading on the traditional A, B, C, D or F scale, or one approved by the faculty senate, which will punish students' GPAs by getting a B- instead of a solid B.

This new grading system for undergraduates should have been presented to the student body for approval.

I know of the traditionally low voter turn-out at MTSU, but most of the elections seem to have little effect on the students' lives.

A change in how their classroom performance is graded would affect everyone with a teacher who chooses to grade with the new policy.

Instead, the Faculty Senate, a group with relative anonymity,

thought it would be a good idea. Did they care to ask the student who helps pay their salary?

Did they ask the student who would be hurt by missing one more question on the final exam to bring their grade down to a 92 from a 94?

If they did, they didn't ask me -- or anyone else I've talked to -- about the issue.

A modified version of this grading scale would level the playing field a little bit.

If getting a 92 instead of a 94 costs the student .33 on their GPA, why not reward the student by getting a 98 or above with a 4.33 on their transcript?

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Gen Xers just want to have fun

Deveron Q. Sanders
University of Michigan

So, researchers say college students are largely apathetic about politics.

Well, duh. But for those still struggling to explain this sorry state of student political affairs, consider this a little primer.

It's really not hard for anyone in college to explain.

So here goes: This generation is really into having fun.

Sports and technology are fun.

Sex is fun.

Politics? Uh-huh.

There aren't too many of us who would ditch a night out with friends in favor of hanging by a TV to catch some 60-year-old rambling about health care reform.

Republican party or keg party? Senate floor or dance floor?

Hmmmm ... those aren't tough calls at all.

And if you want to see a real landslide, just poll college students on those two questions alone.

Looking for another reason why so few of us seem to care about all the political blather? Here it is: No one is talking

about issues that really interest us, and no one has made much of an effort to reach out to us.

Unlike the past, we don't have prominent, young and exciting political figures like John F. Kennedy or Martin Luther King, Jr. calling us to action or rallying us around any one, central cause.

The assassinations of Kennedy and King made a big and bad impact on the status of politics among the nation's youth and left us with a gap in the ages of prominent politicians.

As a result, today's college students were stuck growing up with an aging Ronald Reagan and George Bush.

With all due respect to both men, it's highly doubtful today's college students would list them among their role models.

Because of the big age gap, politicians aren't speaking our language.

Many, if not most, of us aren't collecting pensions, struggling with poor health or paying taxes.

Those issues don't really touch us, so why bother with them?

We are talking about abortion, affirmative action and the death penalty -- three issues

that haven't scored much of a mention among any of the frontrunners in this year's presidential campaign.

So, are we hopeless? Are we going to snap out of our apolitical funk?

Yes. Our vision will clear up pretty quickly once we leave the utopian environment of college to become active, contributing members of the "real world."

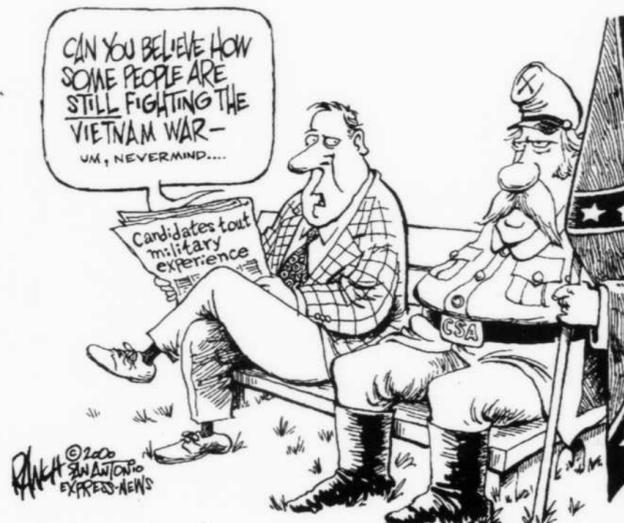
It's a pretty safe bet that relatively recent college grads -- say those between 27 and 35 -- now have a much bigger interest in what goes on in Washington than they when they were still in school.

That's because what our government decides has a much more direct impact on them -- and their pocketbooks.

I have faith that we will see more students getting interested in politics and government. There are a lot of oldsters on Capitol Hill, and someone will have to take their place.

For those who are impatient to see us jump into action, I suggest running a campaign insisting on drastic reductions in federal student financial aid.

I guarantee you'll see us snap to attention then. ■



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Murfreesboro, TN

Beat the stressed-out blues

Relaxation techniques and health tips can help students heal their bodies and their minds

Part two of a three-part series



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Travis Venable, a sophomore undeclared, lifts weights in the Rec Center. Venable uses weight-lifting and running to relieve the stress in his life, which is caused by school and finances.

Relaxation Technique Breakdown:

- exercise
- yoga and meditation
- play IM sports
- eat healthy diet
- get plenty of sleep
- muscle relaxation
- massage therapy
- plan ahead
- tutoring
- study groups
- make personal time
- listen to music
- seek counseling
- keep journal

Angela White
Managing Editor

Whether it's school, a job, lack of money or nagging parents, every student is stressed out by something.

If that stress goes unchecked, the student's health, grades and life can suffer.

The key to success is learning to control stress. Relaxation techniques are beneficial to this cause and can range from breathing exercises to intramural sports. Relieving stress can lead to higher grades, better health and a happier life.

One of the most effective ways to relieve stress is to work it off at the gym. Travis Venable, a sophomore undeclared, lifts weights and runs to ease stress.

Whether it's cardiovascular exercise, weight-lifting or aerobics, regular exercise can raise the metabolism, build muscle and help the body work more efficiently, thereby easing stress.

"Stress? That's why I'm here," sophomore aerospace major Bonnie Waller said as she prepared for a run on the Recreation Center track.

While running may do the trick for Waller, some may prefer a less vigorous method of relaxation.

One option is yoga, a form of both exercise and meditation that consists of intense concentration, various postures and deep breathing. It can improve strength, flexibility,

balance and mental course. The Rec Center offers yoga sessions for students.

Meditation can be done without yoga, and can also help ease stress. Deep breathing exercises, which entails holding a deep breath for three to five seconds and then slowly letting the breath out, followed with five to 10 minutes of normal breathing, can also be helpful.

Intramural sports such as racquetball, indoor soccer and softball are offered by the Department of Campus Recreation. IM sports can also benefit in relieving stress.

Between school, work and other aspects of daily life, students can find themselves running ragged with barely enough time to eat, much less eat healthy. This lack of nutrition adds even more strain to the already struggling college body.

Fast food restaurants and vending machines eventually take their toll, and students are left feeling sluggish and exhausted.

Eating meals at home is one way to avoid this from happening.

They don't have to be seven-course meals — a simple dish of spaghetti and sauce is better than a Big Mac any day.

A healthy diet should include complex carbohydrates from foods like pasta and breads and protein from foods like chicken and black beans, while avoiding saturated fat, sodium and cholesterol.

Studies have suggested that a diet high in protein is most

beneficial if the stress is spread out over a long period of time, such as a semester, while a diet high in carbs better eases short periods of stress that last for a week or less.

In order to secure all the vitamins and minerals the body needs, a multivitamin is another valuable addition to a healthy diet.

Unfortunately for most college students, exercise and proper diet are simply not enough — our bodies demand sleep as well. A lot of it. In fact, Shandora Dorse, a physician's assistant at Health Services, recommends at least seven hours a night.

For the 99.9 percent of students who can't waste that much time unconscious, short naps can be beneficial. According to "The Art of Napping" by Boston University Professor Bill Anthony, studies suggest that naps can have positive effects on mood and work performance, among other things.

Stress can begin to show on the body in the form of muscle pain and tension, which can be relieved with techniques like progressive deep muscle relaxation.

This relaxation method consists of clenching the major muscles in the body one at a time and then releasing.

Another method is massage therapy, which stimulates the flow of lymph, a fluid that removes waste from tissues. This separates the build-up of lactic acid in the muscles and relieves muscle soreness. It also increases endorphin pro-

duction, which aids in natural painkilling.

Stress can also be eased simply by planning ahead. Making a to-do list and scheduling important tasks can bring perspective to what may otherwise seem like an overwhelming amount of work.

Other relaxation techniques include working on assignments with a tutor or in a study group, making time for yourself, listening to music, seeking counseling, joining a support group and keeping a journal.

Stimulants may seem to help relieve stress.

But if they do, it is only temporarily, and people tend to feel even worse than before they consumed it after the drop from the high.

As hard as it may be in this age of fast fixes, substances like caffeine, sugar and alcohol should be avoided when one is suffering from stress.

People who become anxious easily could suffer from panic attacks if they consume too much caffeine.

As a depressant, alcohol can elevate depression already present from the stress, and the dehydrating effects further add to the body's turmoil.

Too much sugar in the diet can lead to blood sugar fluctuations that can lead to mood swings, stomach pain and headaches.

Sometimes the only way to relieve stress is simply to give something up. "I quit my job," said David Putt, a junior engineer major who once worked as a cook. "I'm stress-free now." ■

Nutrition tips:

- Start the day with a glass of orange juice, and continue drinking lots of water and juice throughout the day.
 - The body needs more Vitamin C when under stress.
 - Eight glasses of water a day is needed to keep the body hydrated.
- Have a banana, some high-fiber cereal and yogurt for breakfast.
 - Bananas are high in Vitamin B6, which a metabolism under stress needs to function properly.
 - yogurt contains protein, also needed for a stressed-out body.
- Stick to one cup of coffee, and avoid caffeine afterwards.
 - Caffeine puts the body under stress and reduces mineral absorption.
- Resist the urge to snack on sweets. Eat whole-grain breads, bagels and pastas instead.



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Indiana University professor studies 'sexology'

Christina Jewett
Indiana University

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (TMS) — Erick Janssen sees things every day that would make even Cupid blush.

In a building that houses the world's second largest library of erotic materials — the Vatican has the largest — Janssen studies human sexuality as an assistant scientist at Indiana University's Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction.

"I'm not a sexologist," he said. "There's no such thing as a sexologist. There is no doctoral program for a sexologist yet."

But if there were such a thing Janssen would be the perfect candidate. His expertise has contributed to "Cosmopolitan," "Glamour" and "Playboy." While the institute dishes out plenty of information to the popular press, its main focus is on research and academic publishing. The institute rose to international fame with Alfred Kinsey's publication of "Sexual Behavior in the Human Male" in 1948. The book met with severe criticism — but also managed to find great favor among many people who found its contents reassuring in an age of sexual repression.

"It allowed people to see that people do engage in a range of

behavior," said Jennifer Bass, head of information services at the institute. "(People learned) men masturbate and don't end up with a curse or hairy palms."

Although as a child Janssen wanted to be a musician, his coursework in psychology steered him into a career focused on sex research.

"Sex, in many forms, shapes, and disguises, plays important roles in everyone's life," he said. "It is related to how men and women interact, to how they feel about themselves, to how they respond to people they consider 'different,' to how they deal with emotions."

But choosing the life of a sexologist comes with certain occupational hazards. It seems everyone thinks it's funny to give Janssen phallic gag-gifts. Sexual tools and trinkets — including penis-shaped pasta and a mug with a shiny penis handle — clutter his office and line his shelves. And then there are all those incredulous looks he gets when he rents as many six porn flicks — his research materials — at the local video store.

"I tell them I work for the University, but they just look at me like 'Yeah, right, ok, yes sir,'" he said.

Since coming to America to work for the institute in 1995, Janssen has examined the fine balance between sexual excita-

tion and inhibition — what he calls either "pushing on the gas pedal" or "hitting the break." Janssen and his colleagues are working to better understand why people engage in risky sexual activity, or have a hard time engaging in sexual activity at all.

They've enlisted scores of volunteers to help them, and their lab looks like a sparsely decorated dorm room. There's a color TV that's hooked to a VCR controlled from an outer office. But that's not a remote control on a table near the chair. It's a "RigiScan" designed to measure male volunteers' erections as they watch a variety of images — sexual and non-sexual — flashed before them on the TV screen.

"Having sex in itself can induce feelings of love, depending on the circumstances and with whom you are, of course," Janssen said. "During sexual arousal, levels of oxytocin — a brain peptide that is believed to be important in facilitating 'pair bonding' — go up, and they peak during orgasm."

For studies aimed at monitoring women's sexual arousal, Janssen holds up a device that looks like a cross between a tampon and a lightbulb. A filament inside the device measures photons, in the form of infrared light, that a woman generates as she becomes sexually aroused.

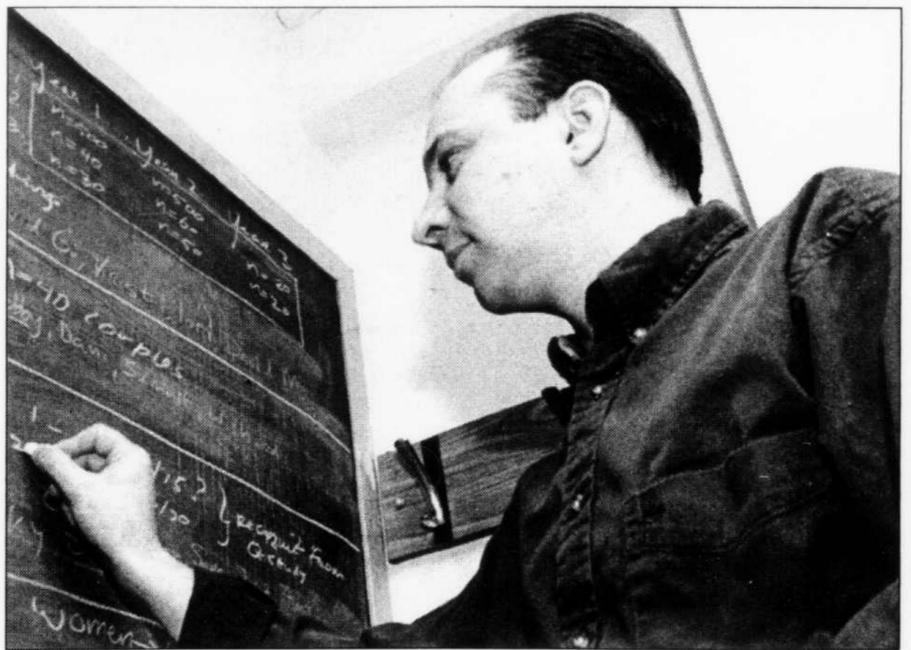


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Erick Janssen, assistant scientist at the Kinsey Institute, recently co-authored a study finding that male fragrance has a positive effect on female genital response in the post-menstrual phase. Janssen is one of the world's leading experts in "sexology."

Although Janssen is very scientific and precise about his lab work, he views sexual desire and sexual arousal in the realm of emotions.

"(Sexual arousal) is an emotional state, involving feelings as well as physiological reactions, and it serves a purpose, is relevant to life's goals, is functional

from a biological point of view," he said. "It is a 'hot' brain-state, and for some researchers that is already enough to say someone is experiencing an emotion." ■

Internet may cause isolation, depression

Christina Jewett
Indiana University

One sure sign that a new technology has taken hold: The cultural Paul Reveres saddle up, warning the citizens about impending invasion.

But is there really any reason to double-check the locks?

A survey released Wednesday, co-authored by former University of Chicago professor Norman H. Nie, cautioned that increasing social isolation and alienation may be a consequence of Internet use.

"The repeated pattern, on question after question, was: Do you see your friends less?" said Nie, director of Stanford University's Institute for the Quantitative Study of Society.

"We saw modest increases" in the number of affirmative answers, he said.

The study echoes announcements wagging a finger in the nation's face about the Internet's negative influence, such as a 1998 report by Carnegie Mellon University that reported on higher levels of depression among Internet users than in the general population.

As is the case, at one point, with all emerging technologies, the Internet pulls with ambiguity: It may indeed reduce the number of face-to-face interactions but increase the number of cyber-connections. And if Internet technology didn't exist, would the lonely souls who spend time hanging out on-line actually

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be joining garden clubs and organizing bike trips—or would they simply find another solitary pursuit?

The Stanford study questioned 4,113 adults in 2,689 American households. It found that more than a third believe that the Internet has interfered with their interactions with family and friends.

Yet Evanston resident Jim Romesko, author of a popular media Web site (www.mediagossip.com), said obsession with the Internet is like a first crush: intense at first, ho-hum later.

"I think people discover the medium and spend incredible amounts of time on line — and then you get it under control."

Kevin Cole, a programmer at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., a college for deaf students, agreed. Panic about the Internet's pernicious influence, he said, is overblown and fails

to acknowledge the medium's positive aspects.

"There were a lot of reports about how the world was going to end with Y2K too," he said. "There are downsides to the Internet, but you can't blame the medium. The Internet doesn't isolate people. People isolate people."

Clifford Stoll, author of books "Silicon Snake Oil" and "High Tech Heretic," had this to say in light of the Stanford study: Told you so.

"This shows us that the brave new world of cyber-glop will be an increasing lonely, isolated and dehumanized world," Stoll declared.

"It will be a place where you can order anything you want on-line, but you don't know your neighbors, where your children and your parents will spend evening hours logged into the Net, talking to distant strangers rather than each other.

"The Internet, rather than bringing us together, isolates us. Rather than empowering, it enfeebles," Stoll said.

Also according to Nie's study, as Internet use increases, people spend more time working on-line at home, even if they have put in a full day at the office, cutting into time with family. That was the experience of about 25 percent of respondents.

"The more hours people use the Internet," Nie said, "the less time they spend with real human beings. This is an early trend that, as a society, we really need to monitor carefully." ■

New study claims tress distress is genderless

TMS Campus

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (TMS) — A bout with bad hair may not wreck an entire day, but it sure can ruin a few moments. Marianne LaFrance, a professor of psychology at Yale University, is studying how unruly locks affect mental health.

The results so far? Women are not the only ones bugged out by bad hair; men are, too. In fact, the study found that men prompted to think about their hair problems showed the biggest drop in self-esteem.

The study, financed by the Procter & Gamble Company, surveyed Yale students — mostly sophomores — in November and December. The 60 men and 60 women were separated

into four mixed-sex groups. Members of the first group were told to think about times they had had problems with their hair; the second, about bad hair-product packaging; and the third, about times they were not at their physical best. Members of the fourth group, the control, weren't supposed to think about anything in particular.

All participants were asked to describe hair disasters they had experienced, using such terms as "wild," "bushy," "flyaway," and "frizzy." Then they were asked a series of questions through which LaFrance's research team could analyze their current emotional states.

LaFrance's study showed that men, too, can be "discombobulated" by an untamed mane. ■

Striptease class causes stir at Mount Holyoke

TMS Campus

AUSTIN (TMS) — A class in striptease and choreographed disrobing is raising eyebrows and lowering necklines at Mount Holyoke College.

Susan Scotto, a lecturer in the Russian-and-Eurasian-studies department, is causing quite a stir with her hundred-dollar sessions on the art of removing clothes.

Some graduates of Mount Holyoke have complained about the course — but say they're hardly surprised by Scotto's decision to teach it.

"She's probably better known for her performance art [and] her penchant for leopard-patterned clothing," Scotto's faculty bio on the college's Web site states.

Her class on striptease made its debut in 1998 as a free, non-credit course not sponsored by the women's college. With enrollment restricted to 15 people, the course has moved off campus this semester. Scotto charges \$100 for students.

Scotto urges students to "take the best route for yourself, take responsibility for your actions, and to hell with what everyone else thinks." ■

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Murfreesboro, TN

Raiders beat TSU rivals

Michael Edwards
Sports Co-Editor

Middle Tennessee beat the Tennessee State University Tigers for the fourth consecutive game in their last regular season Ohio Valley Conference game against their rivals on Saturday by winning 100-85 in the Gentry Center at TSU.

MTSU won its seventh game in its last nine tries, while TSU dropped the fifth game of its last six. The Raiders now lead the all-time series 33-14.

Junior guard Fernando Ortiz and junior center Lee Nosse led the way for the Raiders (12-12, 8-8) by scoring 26 and 18 respectively. The Raiders also got scoring help from senior forward Cedrick Wallace, who scored 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Junior forward Dale Thomas scored 13, while sophomore forward Iiro Tennngren scored nine but went 1-7 from the free-throw line.

The Tigers (6-20, 5-11) were led by junior guard Jamie Roberts, who had a game high 27 points on 10 of 19 shooting. Junior center Ralph Martin scored 10 points and hauled in 10 rebounds, while junior sixth man Kurtis Murry scored 16 points off the bench to pace the Tigers.

"We played decent. It was our first game that we played all 40 minutes," Ortiz said. "We played pretty good defense and controlled the boards."

Two days prior to the TSU game, MTSU was beaten in Clarksville by Austin Peay State University, thanks to the Governors shooting more than 70 percent in the second half. Against TSU, the Raiders nearly duplicated the Governors performance by shooting more than 60 percent for the duration of the game. Although Middle Tennessee was outrebounded by TSU, the Raiders did only commit 12 turnovers in the game. The Raiders got valuable minutes from junior point guard Jonathan Whitworth, who scored seven points, made seven

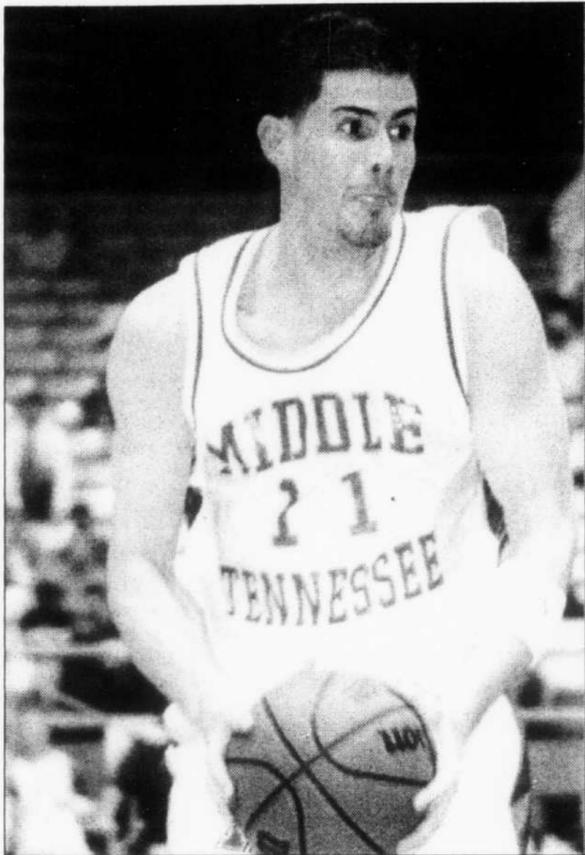


Photo by Grant Fletcher | Staff Photographer
Fernando Ortiz drives to the basket against Tennessee Tech last week. He scored 26 points against TSU on Saturday.

assists and committed no turnovers.

"I reminded the team that [TSU] were the only team that beat Murray and SEMO," head coach Randy Wiel said. "Right now I feel like we have momentum and I feel like we have some chemistry."

The Tigers had 6-foot-8, 280-pound Ralph Martin patrolling the middle. That is a key asset when playing the Raiders considering that the Raiders do not have a player over 250 pounds on the entire roster. Nosse would get the opportunity to guard Martin, but others like

Tennngren and senior center Johnny Cobb would also give the Raiders valuable minutes off the bench.

"Ralph's a big boy, and he plays physical," Nosse said. "He played real physical tonight."

Right out of the gates, the Raiders won the tip and Fernando Ortiz wasted no time and buried a three-pointer for the Raiders just 16 seconds into the game. The shot would be an omen for the things to come for the Raiders, as MTSU claimed a 14-point lead with 11:58 left in the first half. Ortiz scored 12 points in the first nine minutes

before he was forced to sit out the last 11 minutes due to two early fouls.

When Ortiz left the game, the Raiders did not miss a beat. MTSU would quickly increase its lead to 17 with less than seven minutes left in the first half. Nosse and Tennngren scored nine of the Raiders' 13 points during that period.

The Tigers furiously fought back cutting the Raider lead to 12 and then nine when the half expired. The Raiders led 55-46 at the half, but TSU was not done yet.

The Tigers would get the lead down to five when Roberts knocked down a three-pointer with 16:41 left on the clock. That, however, would be as close as the Tigers would get.

TSU would hang close over the next five minutes, but when Tennngren scored in the paint and pushed the Raider lead to 11 with 11:18 left, the nail was inserted into the Tigers coffin. Ortiz scored five more points over the next minute, and the Raider lead was 14 with just more than 10 minutes to play.

The Tigers' junior guard Kevin Samuel blew a chance to chip into the lead, but he came up empty at the line during a two shot situation. Ralph Martin had a one and one opportunity at the line but missed on the front end. Wallace capitalized on the miscue, scoring and giving the Raiders a 15-point lead with 7:36 remaining.

After TSU scored on a short jumper, Tennngren scored three points, while Thomas and Whitworth added two each, pushing the lead to 20, the biggest of the game.

Ortiz followed a Roberts jumper with an emphatic slam dunk, which brought the TSU crowd of nearly 7,000 to their feet in admiration. The game at that point was all but over, and the Raiders cleaned the bench, playing two of three players, junior guard Marcus Mason and freshman forward Jani Hiltunen, who had not seen prior action. The Tigers finished the game on a 5-0 run leaving the final score

Governors fall to Lady Raiders

Josh Ezzell
Sports Co-Editor

The Lady Raider basketball team did two things Thursday night at Austin Peay State University.

First, they extended their winning streak to five games—which is the longest of the season—with a 84-63 victory. Second, they got revenge for a 74-68 loss to Austin Peay on Jan. 20.

"We're starting to play better," MTSU head coach Stephany Smith. "We've kind of found our niche as far as our rotation is concerned. I feel pretty good about the way we're playing."

Guard Kelly Chastain led the Lady Raiders with 19 points and two blocked shots. Guard Paula Penttila scored a career-high 14 points, twelve of which came in the second half. She hit all six of her shots while grabbing two rebounds and dishing out two assists.

"We've finally got the pieces back together," Chastain said. "We've got Erica (Lufkin) and Jamie (Thomatis) back. We're hitting on all cylinders. Before we were playing individually and now we're playing as a team."

Forward Joanne Aluka scored 12 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Forward Jamie Thomatis scored 11 points and hauled in six rebounds. Sophomore Chrissy Davenport scored 10 points and pulled down four rebounds.

Guard Brooke Armistead led Austin Peay with 16 points. Guard Paige Smith scored 14 points, and forward Quin Sullivan scored 10 points.

The Lady Raiders shot 58 percent from the field and 67 percent in the first half. They shot 58 percent from three-point range, hitting seven of

12 attempts.

Austin Peay shot 40 percent from the field and 38 percent in the second half. The Lady Raiders held Austin Peay to 28 percent three-point shooting from the field.

While the Lady Raiders shot well, they didn't take care of the ball. They turned the ball over 24 times. Guard Jessica McClure committed six turnovers, and Penttila committed five turnovers.

"I have some concerns about the way we handled pressure tonight," Smith said. "We had a 17-point lead and saw it dwindle down to nine or 10 points before we found an answer and got it back up. We got some easy transition baskets during that time, but we sure turned the ball over alot."

Austin Peay turned the ball over 22 times. Thirteen came in the first half. Sullivan committed five turnovers, while Armistead and forward Jocelyn Duke each committed four turnovers.

The Lady Raiders got off to a quick start, building a 19-8 lead in the first 10 minutes. Davenport scored six of the Lady Raiders first 19 points. Chastain hit two three-pointers during the run, and Aluka scored five points.

Austin Peay went on an 8-0 run, cutting the lead to 19-16. The Lady Raiders went to halftime with a 33-28 lead.

By the 7:24 mark, the Lady Raiders had a 68-51 lead. Penttila scored 10 points during this stretch, hitting two three-pointers and two layups.

"It felt good," Penttila said. "I got some free open shots. I hadn't made any three-pointers lately. It was good for my confidence."

Austin Peay cut the lead to nine on two occasions, but the Lady Raiders got some transition baskets and hit free throws down the stretch. ■

Coach's comments lack class

Josh Ezzell
Sports Co-Editor

MTSU assistant basketball coach Andy Herzer can now claim a similarity to prominent coaches such as Bobby Knight, Bill Parcells and Mike Ditka: They all have had problems dealing with the media.

Thursday night following a 10-point loss to Austin Peay, I commented on an occurrence during the game. With around 13:30 left in the game, and the Governors leading by only one point, MTSU head basketball coach Randy Wiel decided to make a major substitution. Guard Ron McKnight, forward Iiro Tennngren, guard Kevin White and center Johnny Cobb entered for the Raiders, replacing guard Fernando Ortiz, forward Cedrick Wallace, forward Dale Thomas and center Lee Nosse. I commented to fellow sports editor, Michael Edwards, about the timeliness of the move.

Sure enough, throughout the next 3:20, the Governors built a six-point lead. MTSU would not get closer than five in the remainder of the game.

Following the game, I entered a hallway where interviews were allegedly going to be held. My general comment, not directed toward anyone, was "Why did we substitute four players at one time?"

Herzer snapped back at me, "Go get a coaching degree."

The comment was made in front of the "Daily News Journal"'s Tony Stinnett and Assistant Sports Information Director Ryan Simmons. I did not respond to Herzer's ill-tempered remark.

Moments later, Edwards entered the hallway where interviews were to be conducted with selected players and Wiel. Police officers and Simmons allowed entrance to both of us.

After standing there for a short time, Herzer said the hallway was a restricted area and only people he knew were allowed. Simmons defended both of us saying that we were from "Sidelines" and that we were allowed in the interview area.

Herzer, however, showing a lack of class, demanded that both of us be removed. We quietly exited.

I have a major problem with the actions of Herzer. We are students at the university. No member of this faculty has the right to treat a student the way that Herzer treated us. Many people on this campus believe that the university does not care about the students.

Most faculty members genuinely care about the students more than just for their money, and the university has made strides to improve student-faculty relations. Herzer, however, took the athletic department a step back.

When Herzer told us to leave the area, and only people that he



knew could stay, he let us know that we were unimportant, which means that you the student are unimportant to him. The athletic department is having major problems with the lack of student support, and with the way that Herzer acted, no one can blame the common student for not attending athletic events.

The entire department will feel the effects of this occurrence. If Herzer treats the students the way he did, then why wouldn't the rest of the coaches? Fortunately on this campus we have some very classy coaches.

For example, head football coach Andy McCollum shows the student media nothing but consideration during interviews. Wiel, head softball coach Karen Green, all assistant football coaches, all assistant basketball coaches other than Herzer, head baseball coach Steve Peterson, head track coach Dean Hayes, volleyball head coach Lisa Kisse, head soccer coach Colette Gilligan, women's basketball coach Stephany Smith, head golf coach Johnny Moore, tennis head coaches David Thornton and Dale Short have shown respect to the student newspaper and therefore the student body.

Women's tennis coach David Thornton said that he knows how important the student

See Coach, 10

Tennis teams fall over the weekend

Staff Reports

Mississippi State won all six singles matches over the Lady Raiders Friday afternoon in route to a 7-2 victory.

The Lady Raiders won two of three doubles matches as Michaela Gridling and Tina Hohnik defeated State's Ivana Belanic and Carole Soubis at number one. Sarah Grohnert and Stacy Varnell partnered for the Lady Raiders only other win during the match.

The 28th ranked Lady Bulldogs regained control of the match in singles following doubles play by winning six straight singles matches, including three of which went the distance of three sets.

Mississippi State moved to 4-1 while the loss drops the Lady Raiders to 4-5 on the season.

The Lady Raiders will travel to Auburn for a Sunday afternoon match against the 43rd ranked Lady Tigers.

Fifth ranked Ole Miss (3-0) handed Middle Tennessee their third loss of the season 5-2 in Oxford, Miss.

Ole Miss took the doubles point by winning two of the three doubles matches.

Michael Chamberlain and Mark Pellerin defeated Alexander Hartman and Anders Stenman at the No. 3 by a score of 8-6 for the Blue Raiders lone doubles win.

In singles, Oliver Foreman played at No. 1 for only the second time this season and responded by defeating James Shortall in three sets.

Daniel Klemetz won in straight sets over Vikrant Chadha to give the Blue Raiders

a 2-1 lead.

However, the Rebels battled back defeating Middle Tennessee's Robert Gustafsson, Olle Nystrom, Michael Chamberlain, Mark Pellerin to finish off the Blue Raiders providing the final 5-2 margin.

"We played better today than we did last week," commented head coach Dale Short. "I was proud of how Oliver (Foreman) responded today. This is a very good Ole Miss team who has a legitimate shot at the national title, and hopefully we can take something from this."

The Blue Raiders now 6-3 on the season will return home to face Belmont and OVC rival Austin Peay next Sunday. Belmont is scheduled for 9 a.m. with the conference opener versus Austin Peay slated for a 2:30 p.m. start. ■

Lady Raiders

(DOUBLES)
Michaela Gridling-Tina Hohnik (MT) def. Ivana Belanic-Carole Soubis (MSU) 9-7
Andrea Lord-Anca Vasiloaica (MSU) def. Tanja Buchheim-Katja Kuehner (MT) 8-4
Sarah Grohnert-Stacy Varnell (MT) def. Amelie Detriviere-Claudia Oliveira (MSU)
(SINGLES)
Amelie Detriviere (MSU) def. Tina Hohnik 6-3, 6-0 (MT)
Ivana Belanic (MSU) def. Katja Kuehner (MT) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4
Carole Soubis (MSU) def. Tanja Buchheim (MT) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3
Claudia Oliveira (MSU) def. Michaela Gridling (MT) 6-3, 4-6, 6-2
Andrea Lord (MSU) def. Stacy Varnell (MSU) 6-3, 6-0
Anca Vasiloaica (MSU) def. Sarah Grohnert (MT) 6-0, 6-0

Blue Raiders

(DOUBLES)
Shortall/Chadha (OM) def. Nystrom/Foreman (MT) 8-4
Selin/Stahlberg (OM) def. Klemetz/Gustafsson (MT) 8-6
Chamberlain/Pellerin (MT) def. Hartman/Stenman (OM) 8-6
(SINGLES)
Oliver Foreman (MT) def. James Shortall (OM) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4
Daniel Klemetz (MT) def. Vikrant Chadha (OM) 6-3, 6-4
Kristofer Stahlberg (OM) def. Robert Gustafsson (MT) 6-2, 6-4
Martin Selin (OM) def. Olle Nystrom (MT) 6-3, 6-1
Anders Stenman (OM) def. Michael Chamberlain (MT) 6-7, 7-6, 1-0 (10-5)
Patrick Chucuri (OM) def. Mark Pellerin (MT) 6-2, 6-3

Lions maul Raiders

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Sports Information

It was a ball game that featured everything.

For the Middle Tennessee baseball team, it was everything except offensive production.

After more than three hours, 11 innings and 40 combined players, Southeastern Louisiana stole another non-confidence win by taking game two of the three-game series 5-4 at Alumni Field in Hammond, LA.

"It was a tough ball game to lose," Middle Tennessee head coach Steve Peterson said. "The best thing we had going was our pitching and defense."

"We just didn't get the job done."

The Lions (7-5) pulled out the victory when Jared Owen, a late inning replacement hitting in the eighth spot, took Blue Raider reliever Kevin Davis deep to left field in the bottom of the 11th inning.

Davis (0-1), who had come in after the Lions tied the game at four all in the ninth, took the loss for the Blue Raiders (0-2), while Chad Landry (1-0), the sixth pitcher for the day for the Lions, got the win.

Unfortunately for the second day in a row, the loss negates a great effort from the Blue Raiders starting pitching staff.

Just as opening day starter

Dewon Brazelton did just one day earlier, Jamie Powers got stronger as he went along.

The Bristol Lions allowed just one run on five hits in six innings of work, registering three strike outs against just one walk as he put his team in position to win its first of the season.

"Two days in a row we had very good starting pitching," Peterson said. "Powers pitched a real good game for us today."

After a rocky two-batter appearance by Jamison Sliger, which resulted in back-to-back singles to lead off the seventh, Peterson pulled the southpaw and went with right-hander Brad Howard.

The senior from Oakdale, loaded the bases on a close play at first, gave up a sacrifice fly and then settled in to retire the next six hitters he faced before the wheels fell off in the ninth.

"He made some mistakes with his fastball that allowed them to tie it up," Peterson said. "We were one strike away."

"Yesterday we had walks and today, we just made some bad pitches."

Despite Howard's rough going in the ninth, the Blue Raiders still had chances early on in the game to give themselves a larger lead, but just couldn't put the bat on the ball when they needed to most.

The Blue Raiders scored once

in the third and three times in the fourth, however, they still stranded eight base runners and 15 thus far in the series.

Even the three-run fourth mustered, needed the help of a hit-and-run, a squeeze play and few Lion errors in order to manufacture the runs.

"They did a real good job of pitching to our hitters and we did a poor job of adjusting," Peterson said. "Today we didn't hit at all. They made four errors and we didn't capitalize on them."

Kris Lammers was the lone Blue Raider to finish with two hits in the game. The junior first baseman from Manchester is hitting a calm and consistent .400 after two games with three RBI, including one today.

"If we were 2-0 and playing the same way," Peterson said, "we'd feel better but as a coaching staff we'd still see the same problems."

The Blue Raiders will have another chance to solve those problems when they face the Lions in the final game of the series Sunday at noon. Alabama transfer Jason Moates (0-0) is the scheduled starter for the Blue Raiders, while the Lions look to throw Craig Gonzales (1-1).

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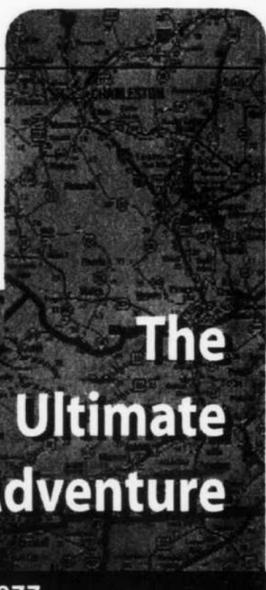
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Coach: lack of class

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newspaper is to the team.

Apparently Herzer should ask Thornton for some advice. Even the players of the men's basketball team have found that the words in "Sidelines" can help the team.

Following some hard losses by the men's basketball team, Edwards wrote a column commenting on the team's poor play. Players such as Ortiz and Wallace said that the column motivated the players. The Raiders won the next five games and have posted a record 6-2 since the article was published, Jan. 20.

Head coaches at all levels of athletics should be examples of sportsmanship and class after winning and losing. Unfortunately, the Raider basketball team has one less coach to admire. The players after the game are classy, respectful and speak the truth, even after being

asked tough questions, it's disappointing that a grown man needs to learn from his players example.

Herzer, you could have not responded at all or given a simple answer. Your ill-mannered sarcastic quip was completely out of line.

Students, if you do not feel like the athletic department cares about anything other than the fact that you pay their salaries through tuition and taxes, then don't go to the games. We are big advocates of student involvement in the athletic program, but when the department has a coach that doesn't have any regard for students, it makes it tough to want to go to the games and that only hurts the team. Herzer, you didn't hurt "Sidelines," you hurt your team.

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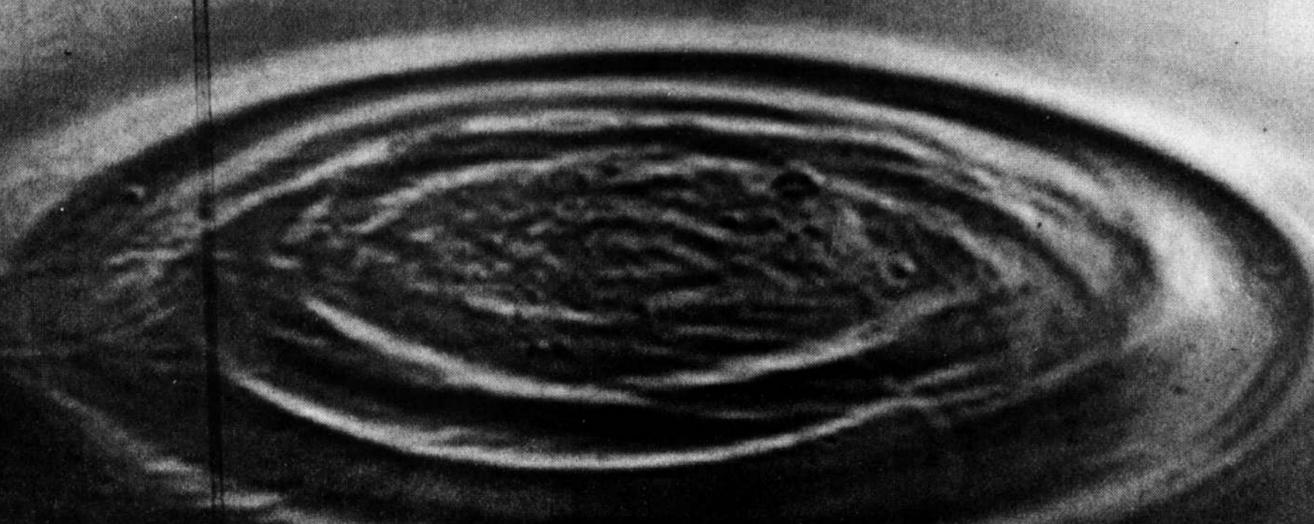
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