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Music Department lacks harmony *Dismissal of three instructors causes turmoil*

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Staff Writer

Some music faculty and students have expressed concern about a climate of hostility, distrust and lack of communication in a tense department whose leaders have decided not to rehire three faculty members.

Dr. Bill Yelverton, guitar, and instructor Dina Foy, voice, have been denied tenure and not rehired when their contracts expire after 1994-95; cellist Dr. Kevin Hekmatpanah's contract will not be renewed following the 1993-94 year.

Sophomore voice student Sue Tramel described the atmosphere in the department as "very cold."

"There's a lot of gossip going around, and there seems to be a lot of distance between the tenured and untenured faculty," she said.

Graduate Teaching Assistant Mike Thiemann said people in the department are afraid to speak up.

"The biggest problem is that a great majority of the people in the music department, students and faculty alike, recognize many of the ills but are not willing ... to speak up against it," Thiemann said.

Several untenured faculty have said they believe their positions would be in danger if they voiced their opinions.

"There's a big power play.

No one can get anything done," Thiemann said.

Dr. John Bingham, music department chairman of 18 months, said the tenure committee "looked at all the data, both objective and subjective data, and the committee reached a conclusion that they did not recommend that [Foy or Yelverton] be rehired."

"I think that these three faculty members have contributed at least as much or more than other faculty," Assistant Professor Polly Brecht said.

"I do think that it's a mistake," she added.

Katherine Nevins, graduate teaching assistant in voice, said she believes the professors were not given an opportunity to correct any problems.

"Everybody deserves to know what they're doing wrong and an opportunity to change," she said.

Foy said the recommendation for her to not be rehired was based on a lack of doctorate hours; she needs 30 and presently has 14.

"I'm hopefully going back to Indiana University this summer to complete those hours" she said.

Yelverton received the official notice Nov. 5 from Bingham saying he would not be rehired.

"Although you have made strides toward building a guitar studio, the focus of your teaching remains narrow," the notice said.



"Your expertise and interests are inconsistent with current and projected Departmental needs. Your performances, while adequate, have not shown sufficient artistry to attract a diverse student population.

"Further, the committee notes, and I concur, that your total contempt for even modest collegiality creates unnecessary tension among your fellow faculty."

Yelverton said he was surprised when he received notice he was not being granted tenure or rehired.

"It's unbelievable to me that Dr. Bingham could call my

Above: Assistant Music Professor Bill Yelverton gives guitar lessons to graduate assistant Michael Thiemann. Right: Department Chair John Bingham at work.

Photos by Charles Hogue

teaching narrow," Yelverton said.

"It was a total shock ... it was something that I thought, based on the achievements and my relationship with the faculty ... could never possibly happen in any fair type of evaluation system," he said.

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Students should guard against spring theft: Police

Brent Andrews
Staff Writer

Campus theft may go up as spring break approaches, according to Associate Dean of Students Rodney Bennett.

Bennett says students "need to be especially aware" of the possibility of theft, especially of books, as students begin to prepare for break.

Bennett recommends that

students take time to make identifying marks in their textbooks, which would make stolen books "easier to recover."

He also warns students to "know where your books are," and to make sure that books "are not sitting unattended" in high-theft areas such as Todd Library or Grill.

If your books are stolen, contact Bennett's office at ext. 5822.

Other forms of theft on campus have not risen this semester, according to Jack Drugmand, director of Public Safety and Security.

"We had a total of 287 [reported] thefts for 1993, which is 287 too many," Drugmand said, adding this is not an abnormal amount.

There were three auto thefts and 33 burglaries on campus in

1993. Campus police solved all of the auto thefts and two of the burglaries.

"If we could get the public conscious of not leaving things in cars," theft could be cut down, according to Drugmand. "[Thieves] will steal anything: cameras, wallets, leather jackets."

Students with bicycles on campus also become victims of theft. Campus police does not

have exact figures on the number of bikes stolen, but they do offer bicycle registration, which makes stolen bikes easier to recover.

Students interested in registering their bikes should contact Sgt. Reggie Farmer of Public Safety and Security at ext. 2424 between 6:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

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Taylor discusses future of American life at KUC

Yanetra Mitchell
Staff Writer

Dr. Orlando Taylor, interim dean of the college of graduate studies at Howard University, spoke on the Afrocentric model for planning the future of American life Tuesday afternoon in the KUC auditorium.

Taylor, who holds a bachelor's degree from Hampton Institute, a Master's degree from Indiana University and a doctorate degree from the University of Michigan, discussed three major themes associated with making plans for the future. He said that we must "learn from the past [and] make plans for the future."

Taylor first focused on the historical perceptions of the origin of civilization and noted that there are many misconstrued representations of how it began.

"Popular view is that it was in Greece, or lower Egypt, that civilization emerged," Taylor said. "The claim was made by many [that] the human race developed in Mesopotamia."

African people were perceived as coming out of a low ranking in the eyes of European moral historians. This is a misrepresentation of the origin of circulation, according to Taylor.

"As we look forward, within the context of having

looked back...it is imperative for us to make certain that we tell the story right," Taylor said. "This is why with regard to our academic programs at universities we must always start with one fundamental notion...most things that we think are true are merely perceptions of the truth."

Taylor's second theme was the stereotypes of African speech. The language of Africans, Taylor stated, was described as being reflective of a people who were either ignorant or physically incapable of acquiring English education.

"In the early days, it was described as a kind of illiterate mumbo jumbo," he said.

African language styles, Taylor said, had a substantial influence on the social structure of white Americans during the [nineteenth-century] period of the Old South.

The discussion concluded with Taylor's focus on the philosophies of being an American. He stated that being called a "minority" in America only leads the individual to feel they do not count in society.

"'Minority' [as a concept] marginalizes people," Taylor said. "I've got to recognize that people are important respective of the numbers."

Taylor's speech was sponsored by Ron Malone of the College of Liberal Arts in honor of African-American History Month. ■

Theft...

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Campus police average a response time of 60 seconds and are prepared to respond to calls of any type of theft but, Drugmand suggests, "if it is important to you, safeguard it the best you can." He also warns students never to leave valuables in cars, and to "lock your car."

He also said students should leave valuables at home.

"We are a very densely populated 500 acres, larger than 90 percent of the communities in Tennessee," Drugmand said. "We are an open campus, and we have a lot of people here that aren't supposed to be here." Campus police does everything it can to reduce crime, Drugmand said, but students need to "be cautious and cognizant of your personal safety." ■

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CAMPUS CAPSULE

Today

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a Faculty Women Lecture Series including speaker Dr. Jackie Jackson, who will address "The Quest for Self-Definition in Zora Neale Hurston's Novels". This is the second in a series of monthly lectures designed to showcase the current research and works-in-progress by MTSU women faculty. Program will last from 3-4 p.m. in Rm. 107 of Peck Hall.

The MTSU chapter of the National Association of Environmental Professionals will continue its series of guest speakers with Amy Depp of Williamson Recycles at 5 p.m. in the DSB room 100. Contact Leonard Walker at 731-1684 for mor information.

There will be a SPJ meeting in the Sidelines office of the JUB at 5:30 p.m. Contact Jenny Crouch for more details.

The International Student's Assoc. will meet every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in KUC rm. 315. Contact Mary at 890-2461. Everyone is invited.

Friday, Feb. 25

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity will be presenting the Miss MTSU pageant in Tucker Theatre at 7:30. Tickets are \$7 at the door. For more information call 890-9392 or 893-9932.

Free line dancing lessons sponsored by the HPER Dept. will be given from 12-1 p.m. Sandy Neal will be the instructor. Faculty, staff, students and the general public are welcome. Contact Sandy at 898-2904 for more information.

Saturday, Feb. 26

The Campus Recreation winter backpacking trip will be held at Prentice Cooper State Forest. The deadline to sign up is Feb. 21. For more information call Ed at 898-2104. The trip will last two days.

Monday, Feb. 28

Area II presents Ruben Kyle, director of Buisness and Economic Research Center of MTSU. Topic will be "Jobs in the Future" at 7 p.m. in Smith Hall Lobby.

Tuesday, March 1

Area II presents Dr. Kiyoshi Kawahito, professor of economics at MTSU. The topic will be "Education, the day to US Competitiveness."

The Placement and Student Employment program is presenting "Marketing Yourself" from 3-4:30 p.m. in the KUC rm. 324. Topics discussed include interview preparation, professional dress and business etiquette by Margaret Ann Pritchard. Contact Martha Turner at 898-2500.

The Women's Center is sponsoring a support group for Adult Women learners. Issues of balancing family and school, guilt, finances and other topics will be discussed. The group will

meet through April 7 Tuesday and Thursdays from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in KUC 312. For more information call 2193.

MTSU Division of Continuing Studies offers Karate/Self-Defense for Adults and high school students. Course will be held Sundays 1:30-3:15 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per month. For more information or to register call 898-2462.

Wednesday, March 2

The Placement and Student Employment program will present "Career Placement Orientation" from 2-4:30 p.m. in the KUC rm. 324. For seniors and graduate students only. Contact Martha Turner at 898-2500 for more details.

Ongoing

The Office for Minority Affairs is sponsoring "Institute for Healing Racism" every Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. in KUC 316. Contact Shara Winton at 895-9021 for more details.

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

Students for Environmental Action meets every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in KUC 305. Call 890-5097 for more details.

The Lambda Association meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Resource Center room 241. Contact Christy Osborne at 780-2293 for more details.

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

The Catholic Student Center holds mass every Sunday evening at 7 p.m. Call 896-6074 for details.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Thursday at 7:30 in AMG 210. Call Greg Logan at 898-3081 for more details.

MTSU students who need speech testing or speech therapy services should call the MTSU Speech Clinic at 898-2661 for an appointment.

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a canoe trip down the Suwanee River in Fla., March 12-18. Deadline to sign up is March 1. Contact Ed at 898-2104 for more details.

The Division of Continuing Studies will be offering a Karate/Self-Defense program for adults and High School students. The course will be held Sundays, 1:30-3:13 p.m., adn Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5-6:30 p.m. at Murphy Center. The course will be available each month beginning March 1, April 5 and May 3. The cost is \$35. For more details call Continuing Studies at 898-2462.

Music...

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Yelverton said according to policy the department chair has the responsibility to confer with individual faculty annually regarding the criteria for tenure. He said he believes if the former and present chairmen are truthful, they will admit there have been only minor criticism of his work and those criticisms did not relate to the grounds for which he was not retained.

Bingham said he feels the specific criticism involving Yelverton's teaching was presented "both in written form and verbally."

"Absolutely false," replied Yelverton. "The only criticism I received was... after he fired me."

Bingham said he is not the one who does the position placement or displacement.

"I think people believe that the department chair has a lot of power and a lot of authority; that's not true," Bingham said. "The decisions to rehire or not rehire are made by the [tenure committee.]"

Dr. Jerry Perkins, committee chairman, said the group evaluates a tenure or rehire situation and sends it to the department chairman, who makes an independent evaluation and sends both recommendations to the dean.

The department chairman can agree or disagree with the committee's recommendation.

"When the weight of the faculty decision is such that I believe it was reached honestly, fairly and earnestly, why would I overturn that?" Bingham said.

Bingham said he "believes in the faculty. So my participation in this whole process is a blip on the screen."

"I can't say whether we've done the right thing. I hope we have," said Dr. Earl Hinton, a 34-year professor of music and member of the tenure committee.

Hinton said time would show whether the hiring and tenure decisions were correct.

Yelverton said he scheduled a

meeting with Hekmatpanah to discuss the situation after he received the notice and hoped to obtain data involving why the decision was reached.

"To my astonishment I received the following [he quotes from what he called very accurate records of what was said in that meeting]: ...'This phone right there is going to ring at some point for you. ...You need to make a decision sometime in the next three or four minutes what you want me to say when that phone rings.'"

"Out of context, I'm sure that sounds harsh," Bingham said. "In the context and in the manner in which that was given, it was really friendly advice."

"Now, if you come in and whack me enough times in the middle of the head with a ball peen hammer, I'm going to get annoyed with you."

"We're here to educate the students. If it comes down to educating the students and



Foy



Hekmatpanah

pacifying the faculty, I think you'll see that I have always chosen to go with the students," Bingham said.

Yelverton has been appointed a lawyer by the Tennessee Education Association. He refused to comment on the appointment.

Bingham said that Hekmatpanah's situation is different. He was hired under a temporary contract as opposed to a tenure-track contract.

"You must separate this situation from the other two," he said.

The cellist position was dissolved to hire a musicologist.

If the temporary cellist position was changed into a tenure-track position, then Hekmatpanah would have to apply like anyone responding to a required nationwide search, according to Bingham.

Hekmatpanah said he was aware of this.

"It is no reflection on Dr. Hekmatpanah and how well he has done the job at all. ... The question comes down to what do we need first, what do we need second, what do we need most."

Sophomore Music minor student Jason Powell expressed his concern.

"Basically, the idea that I get is that it doesn't seem that [the students] are important, and they can let things fall how they may. It's not the kind of environment I want to be around in the Music Department."

Bingham says the upset students can't see the whole picture and that all of the students are not upset. ■

LSU freshman dies after being run over twice

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Police say an 18-year-old LSU freshman from Memphis, Tenn., died after she tried to cross a street near campus and was run over by two vehicles.

Samantha Andre Miller and her date had been out drinking Saturday when they tried to run across Nicholson Drive about 1:15 a.m., Cpl. Don Kelly said.

Miller's date made it across the street safely, but a 1993 Pontiac Grand Prix hit Miller, Kelly said. The car's driver, Johanna Mayfield, 23, stopped immediately and tried to help, he said.

While Miller was in the street, her date tried to flag down a northbound Ford Explorer to ask for help, but the truck ran over Miller and

kept going, Kelly said.

Minutes later, an LSU officer stopped the vehicle, driven by Jeffrey Neal Boudreaux. The 19-year-old LSU student told the officer that another car had flagged him down to tell him he ran over someone. He was returning to the scene of the accident, Kelly said.

Boudreaux told police he did not realize he had hit anyone, but did see Miller's date standing in the street, Kelly said. Boudreaux said he was afraid the man would run into his lane and had his attention focused on the man at the time he ran over Miller, Kelly said.

Boudreaux was booked with first-offense driving while intoxicated and hit and

run, booking records show.

Kelly said Boudreaux was not booked with negligent homicide because police could not tell if Miller was still alive when she was hit the second time and because he did not have a blood-alcohol content of .1 percent or higher, as the negligent homicide law requires.

Kelly declined to release Boudreaux's blood-alcohol content level, but explained that under the law covering DWI, an officer may arrest a person if the level is over .05 percent.

Mayfield was not cited in connection with the accident, Kelly said. Police deemed her striking Miller as "unavoidable." ■

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Top CIA official arrested for spying

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a case fraught with Cold War echoes and implications for U.S.-Russia relations, a former top CIA counterintelligence officer and his wife were charged Tuesday with selling national security secrets to the Kremlin.

The federal affidavit for the arrest of Aldrich Hazen Ames and his wife reads like a spy thriller novel: secret CIA documents handed off at "dead drops;" \$1.5 million in alleged Russian payoffs, and FBI agents sifting through trash cans for clues.

The White House immediately ordered an assessment of the damage to national security.

President Clinton called the breach "very serious," and Secretary of State Warren Christopher summoned Russian diplomat Vladimir Chkhikvishvili for a formal protest. The Russians were told in blunt terms to

take responsibility for Ames and make amends, a senior administration official said.

Tennessee economy on the fast track

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee's economy is showing no signs of slowdown, an economist says.

A brisk Christmas shopping season pushed January tax collections 8.4 percent higher than the year before.

The January figures reflect brisk consumer demand in the most critical month, December. Franchise and excise tax collections also show that business is having a good year, said Dr. William Fox of the University of Tennessee's Center for Business and Economic Research.

"Overall collections are very good," Fox said.

"The months you look to are January and April. They are the most important months as far as the year goes."

January tax collections

reflect quarterly franchise and excise taxes along with the critical December sales tax collections, he said.

"I think the Tennessee economy is doing very well. The growth rate is higher than the rest of the nation," Fox said.

January sales tax revenues jumped 10.2 percent from a year earlier compared to national sales growth of 6.9 percent, state Finance Commissioner David Manning said Tuesday.

"We continue to see good collections resulting from our strong economic recovery, consumer demand for products and growth in our business sector. Based on this experience in the first seven months of the fiscal year, I am very confident that we will meet our revenue targets for the full year," Manning said.

If that holds, state workers will get 4 percent pay raises July 1.

Drunk driving laws have some problems

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A state law banning drivers from drinking alcohol on all Tennessee roadways could pose some constitutional problems for communities with tougher open container ordinances.

"It is an issue the courts would have to consider," Sally Swaney, one of the Legislature's attorneys, told members of a House subcommittee on Tuesday.

Her testimony came moments before the local government subcommittee approved Rep. Calvin Moore's bill making it illegal for drivers to carry open containers of alcohol. It would void all city and county ordinances dealing with open containers.

The subcommittee delayed for a week a similar bill sponsored by Rep. David Coffey, R-Oak Ridge, that would allow local governments to enact tougher

ordinances.

Some local governments have ordinances banning passengers, as well as drivers, from drinking alcohol on the road. Coffey's bill would make that state law, while Moore's bill would only affect drivers.

The Senate approved an open container bill earlier this year that affects only drivers. There were many attempts to include passengers but they all failed.

Swaney said charging the passenger under the local ordinance likely would "infringe on the spirit of the state law."

Swaney also said that a statewide law could conflict with the constitutional provisions that won't allow someone to be charged twice for the same offense.

"If you charge the driver under the civil penalty and get a conviction, are you going to charge him under the criminal law? It's not double jeopardy but it's almost double jeopardy," she said.

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Sander Vanocur sits in Seigenthaler chair

Tina Denise Harvey
Assistant News Editor

Sander Vanocur, former ABC News Senior Correspondent and current holder of the Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies, held an open forum discussing mass media and politics in the Mass Comm Building Wednesday.

Vanocur also visited several classes, speaking on topics including "TV's impact on Print Journalism and International Communication," "Media Law," "Media Criticism" and "Radio News Reporting."

"It was interesting the way he spanned several decades in the media - comparing and

contrasting attitudes toward print and visual media," said Journalism major Sue Mullin.

Vanocur began his career in print journalism, when TV didn't dominate mass media. He is currently owner of Old Owl Communications and host of "Business World" on ABC.

"I remember when radio and print media were the most dominate sources of news," Vanocur said. "In the 60's, we didn't have TV cameras. We had radio spots."

Vanocur has conducted live interviews with numerous public figures including John Kennedy and Hubert Humphrey.

Vanocur said he believes the

media coverage of President Kennedy's assassination in 1963 proved the power and potential of television.

"Through TV, the nation could be bound together in a sense of humanity, which gave a feeling of national unity during the tragedy of the Kennedy assassination," Vanocur said.

"We were no longer journalists but participants," he said.

In 1988, Vanocur interviewed presidential candidates George Bush and Michael Dukakis on their economic agendas, distinguishing "Business World" as the only program to question both the Republican and

Democratic candidates on such issues.

"The media has become theatre," he said. "And the White House is the perfect setting."

Vanocur said politicians use the media to sway public opinion, and compares the media to a tapeworm that is never satisfied.

"The worm wants to be fed 24 hours a day," he said. "How can you continue the act of government if you have this demanding media who wants attention all the time?"

When asked about his opinion on President Clinton Vanocur said, "This is the age of babble. Clinton has made himself too accessible to the press and he's

too eager to please."

Vanocur says he is a fan of the newspaper "USA Today" and Rush Limbaugh, and that he was a disciple of George Orwell when he started his career in media politics.

Vanocur will return to campus March 31 and April 13. The Mass Communication College and Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies sponsored the visit.

"We wanted to give an avenue to students to learn from his vast experience," said Coreen Jackson, assistant professor of Mass Comm. "We wanted to bring his expertise and practical experience to MTSU." ■

Phonathon raises big bucks for scholarships

Chris Patterson
Staff Writer

In four weeks the University Development Office has raised \$55,600 for MTSU scholarships in their first phone-a-thon of 1994.

Although the Development Office has initiated phone-a-thons in the past, the \$50,000 mark has never been reached so quickly.

The phone-a-thon is manned by 24 students hired by the Development Office. The students trained for two days in January, and Phoning began Jan. 25. The students have made over 7,000 calls and received 3,025 pledges since the phone-a-thon began four weeks ago.

"The students have worked very hard on this

phone-a-thon. They deserve a lot of credit," says Elaine Kelsey, Director of Annual Giving for the University.

The students have been calling former contributors, parents of current students, and alumni. "We have never called the parents of our current students before," Kelsey said. "It was very successful even though the students only called parents for six nights."

In the Fall 1993 semester, the phone-a-thon surpassed their goal of \$70,000. The Spring 1994 goal is to make \$75,000 in contributions by April 7. The 1994 goal will be the most money the Development Office has tried to raise through a phone-a-thon. ■



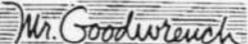
Robbie Watts, staff

ONE RINGY DINGY: Brandi Holt broke the \$50,000 mark for the phonathon Tuesday night in the faculty dining room in the James Union Building. The money will go toward general scholarships.



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Opinions

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Fired teachers deserve appeal

Tenure is serious business.

Not everyone gets it. Not everyone should.

But when a teacher is not granted tenure, the reasons should be clearly stated for everyone to understand.

The Music Department has not rehired three teachers. Two were up for tenure and were denied. The other, Kevin Hekmatpanah was on a temporary contract, which is not a tenure-track position.

Some students and faculty in the Music Department are upset with the way these three teachers were treated.

One of them, Bill Yelverton, has been an MTSU professor for five years. In that time, the guitar program he supervises grew significantly. He has also published a CD of classical guitar music. Students speak very highly of him.

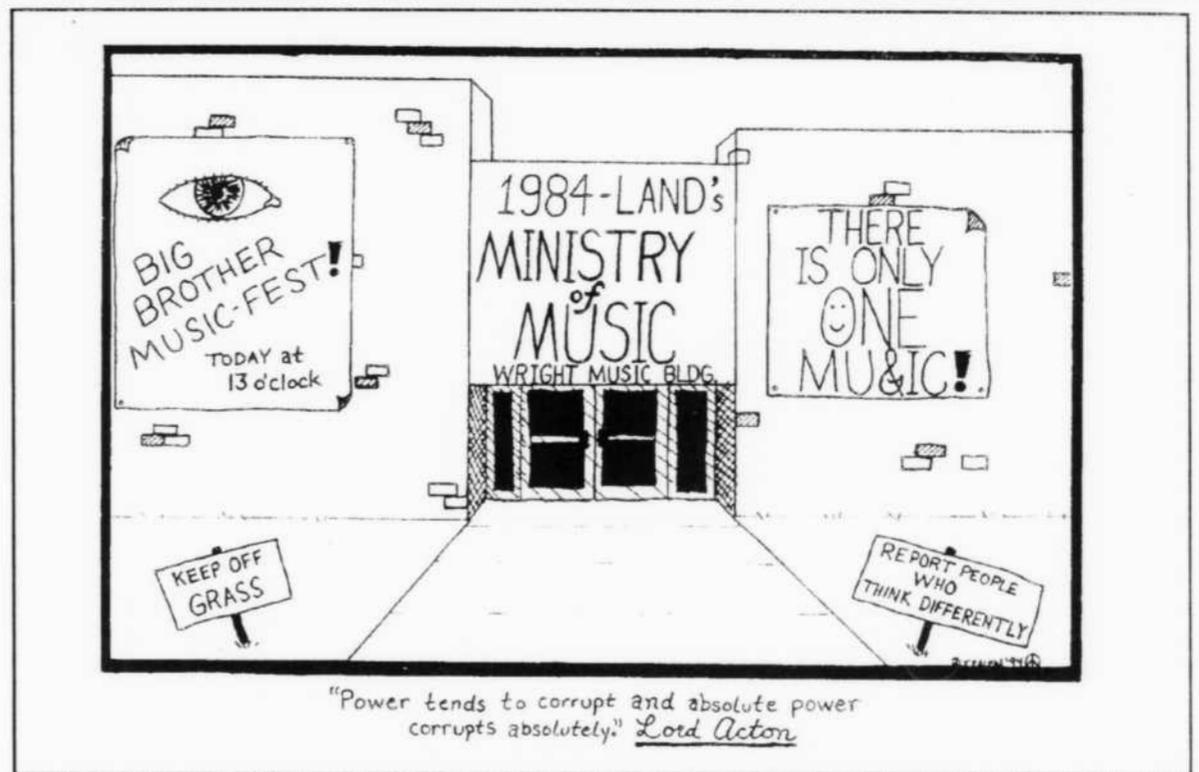
Yelverton has received overall positive evaluations of his teaching for the past five years, including a 1991 promotion. He has said he was "shocked" to receive notification that he did not receive tenure and was not rehired. The other teacher, Dina Foy, is in a similar situation.

All departments have the right to handle matters internally. However, criticism of these decisions by students and faculty has been significant.

If, as some suggest, pure personality conflicts motivated these firings, an appeals process should begin immediately. These teachers, particularly those who have been denied tenure, deserve a non-partisan review of the situation and an opportunity to defend themselves.

Being fired is a blow to anyone's ego and career. Being denied tenure can be devastating to a teacher's career prospects.

If these three faculty were fired for legitimate reasons, then the Music Department should have no problem stating them publicly and clearly. ■



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students 'gracious' about parking: church

To the Editor:

Belatedly, but nonetheless sincerely, the people of St. Mark's United Methodist Church want to thank the students for their graciousness when turned away from our parking lot on Monday, Nov. 22. We had a funeral that day and expected a large number of people, so we were not able to accommodate student parking.

Every student, without exception, received the news graciously and moved on to another lot. Little did they know that the service was for E.W. "Wink" Midgett, beloved professor and former Chair of the Business Department. Wink would not have been surprised at the reactions, however, for in his mind, there were no finer students than those at Middle Tennessee State University.

Sincerely,
Susan Padgett
Diaconal Minister
1403 Main St.

Prisoner column was 'close-minded'

To the Editor:

I am writing this in response to Ms. Basiel's column that appeared on February 17 regarding the education of criminals in U.S. prisons.

Let me preface this by saying that I am also shocked and amazed by the President's support of this, but I think that Ms. Basiel is misguided in her condemnation of the education of criminals as a whole.

Crime is the biggest

challenge we face as a society. It intrudes on our lives at every turn. Although there have been many steps in the right direction, there are several things being overlooked. The need to adjust society is very important, not just simply throw away some of its members. The sad fact is that many of these prisoners get out. The question becomes this: Do we want a chance to turn them into productive citizens, or do we want to have them back on the street with no education, no hope, and no alternative but to return to crime in order to survive?

There is an assumption being made by Ms. Basiel, one that is not fair to society. That assumption is that everyone in prison is a career criminal with no useful purpose in society and no potential for rehabilitation. This is simply not true. There are many first time offenders that could benefit from the opportunity to get an education and turn a bad situation into a positive one. To say that because someone makes a mistake, as is often the case, that they no longer have the right to an education is simply ridiculous. I honestly never thought that I would hear myself, a lifetime conservative Republican, call another conservative close-minded. Unfortunately, I believe that to be the case.

Look back to the cover story from that same issue of *Sidelines*. It tells about how a student from this University has just been sentenced to two or three years in a federal prison for robbing a bank. Ms. Basiel, where does your plan have him? He says in the article that he plans to continue his

education behind bars. If that right is denied to him, then the potential for rehabilitation is lost forever. Admittedly, the number of criminals that can be rehabilitated is a minority, but that minority deserves more than the blanket stamp of rejection placed on them by an uncaring and cynical political right.

However, this letter should not be a complete criticism of Ms. Basiel's remarks. I agree with her, and President Clinton, that the federal funding of these projects is wrong. I know I depend on financial aid to continue my education, and that within that realm, the federal funding of prisoners' educations, coming from a diminishing Pell Grant program, robs other, law-abiding students of the opportunity. The problem here may not be the program, just the funding. While I am not an advocate of the liberal tendency for wide-reaching, deficit-increasing social expenditures, I do believe that some of the money that is already in the federal budget for prisons could be put to good use.

I believe that education is a right, but the funding of that education should not be an infringement of others' rights to the same education.

However, we should not take the position of "One strike and you are out." An education is essential to rebuilding our society to where it once was, and is also essential to taking society ahead to where it can be.

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Truth in Jackson scandal may never be known

Everyone looks guilty in money-making wars

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CHRISTINA BASIEL



So, did he or didn't he?

Will the world ever know what really happened between Michael Jackson and his accuser, or are we forced to

satisfy our lust for scandal with obtuse dramas involving ice princesses?

When the accusations against Michael Jackson surfaced in the summer of 1993, people immediately took sides. It did not seem to matter that he had not been formally charged with a crime. Everyone had an opinion.

Well, it's six months later and Jackson still has not received a criminal charge involving the case, yet he has settled the civil suits brought against him.

My questions are as follows:

1. If Jackson is innocent, as he claims, why did he settle the civil suit? 2. If Jackson is guilty, as the child claims, why did the child accept his offer? 3. How will the settlement affect the criminal investigation? 4. Where were all of these supposed witnesses before the scandal became international news?

I realize that Michael Jackson was bombarded with enough pressure to create a diamond, and that he really wanted to put the entire mess behind him. However, an accusation of child molestation is second only to that of murder.

Unless he is able to completely vindicate himself from the accusations, Jackson will spend the rest of life with a questionable reputation.

By settling the civil suit out of court, Jackson gave the impression that he was afraid to face his accuser in court. Regardless of the stress and humiliation a courtroom might have caused, Jackson should have fought until his last breath to clear his name (That is, if he was innocent).

Then again, what parents would accept monetary compensation from a pedophile who abused their child? No amount of money in the world can erase the memory of sexual abuse.

The child's lawyers claimed

*Well, did he or didn't he?
We will probably never know. What we do know is that being privy to a scandal does not make us privy to the truth.*

that the settlement would help the child begin the healing process. I find it difficult to believe that anything short of seeing the perpetrator behind bars would help begin the healing process.

The judgment of the child's parents must be questioned from beginning to end. Why would you allow your adolescent son to stay the night with a 35-year-old eccentric, celebrity or not?

By placing their child in such a dubious situation and accepting

money in exchange for silence, these parents are nothing short of pimps. Maybe they should be criminally investigated also.

The criminal investigation against Jackson is still proceeding without the testimony of the child involved. In exchange for the \$5-\$25 million (depending on which report is correct), the juvenile agreed to leave the state of California and not to press the case any farther.

The state cannot force a minor to testify and, without the aid of the boy's account of the situation, the case is virtually impossible to prove.

Of course, a menagerie of former Jackson employees has crawled out of the woodwork and offered eyewitness accounts of the goings-on at the Neverland ranch.

These former staffers, obviously compelled by their own untarnished consciences and the need to protect any future children who may become involved with Jackson, have valiantly taken the tales to the

tabloids.

Although not one of these eyewitnesses has actually seen Jackson engaged in an act of impropriety, they know that something was going on because he was just plain weird. Not to mention the fact that all of these canaries were just plain fired.

Also, if these upstanding citizens were aware of child abuse, why did they not report it to the authorities? If they really did have this knowledge of abuse, and allowed it to continue, would they not be guilty of conspiring to conceal a crime?

The only excuse I could understand for Jackson's cop-out would be his fear of releasing the pictures of his genitals into a public forum. The body search and photography to which he was subjected was molestation in itself.

Well, did he or didn't he? We will probably never know. What we do know is that being privy to a scandal does not make us privy to the truth. ■

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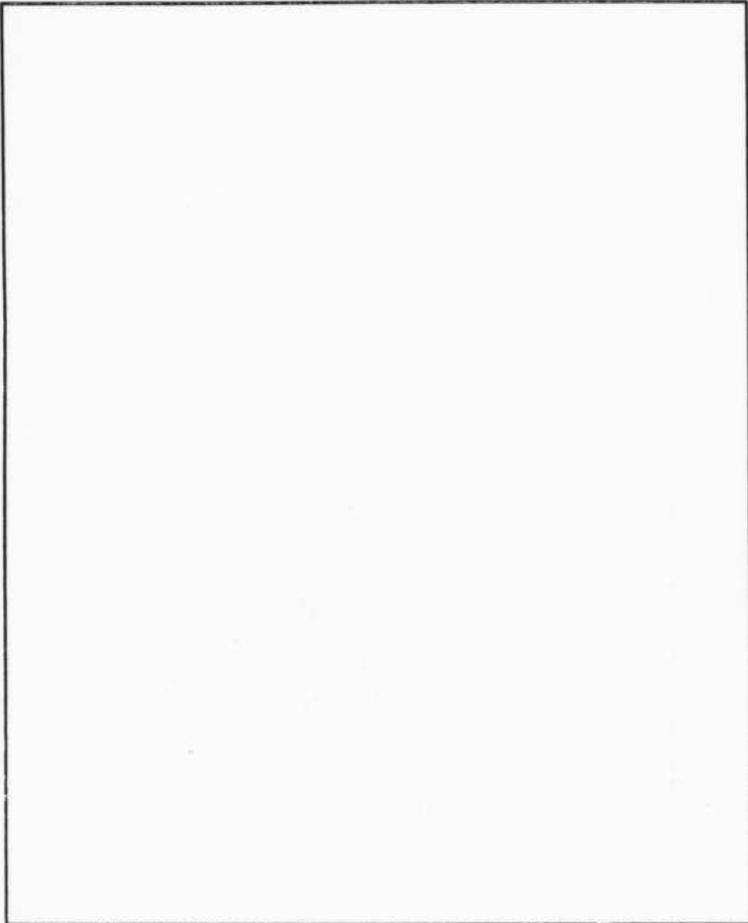
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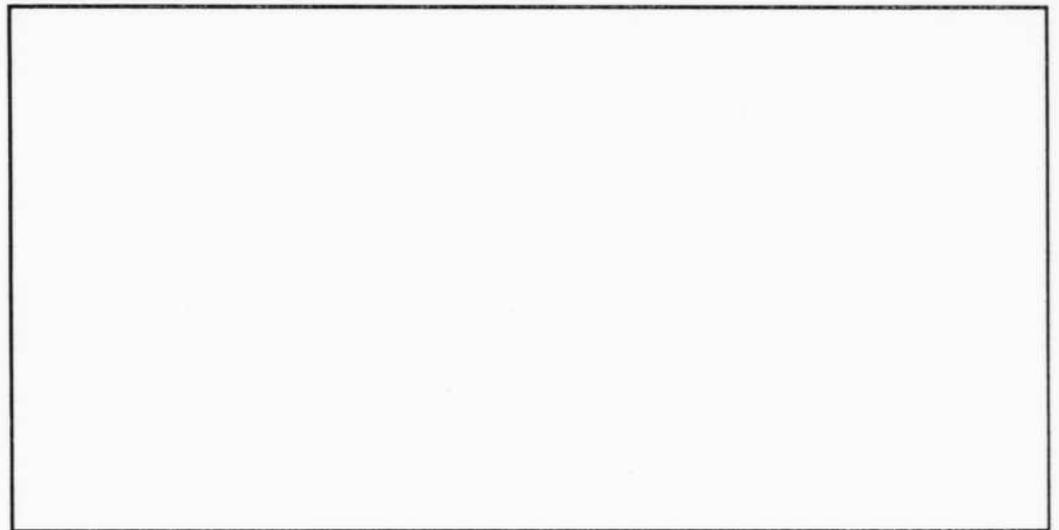
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Rush: They're 'mean, mean guys'

MTSU student photographers got a rude shock Wednesday afternoon when they were informed they would not be allowed to take photographs at last night's concert. Despite having been on the press list for over a month, *Sidelines* was informed several hours before the show that the band has a policy not to allow any student photographers at their shows. When contacted in New York City, the band's record company, Atlantic, confirmed this policy. According to the representative there, college students are "more likely to resell photographs" and frequently arrive "with Polaroids" to shoot Rush shows. They seemed unconcerned that they were breaking the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution. We would like Rush to know that we use a Canon F-1 and a Canon T-90, and that they haven't had a decent record since 1981. Thanks, the Staff. ■

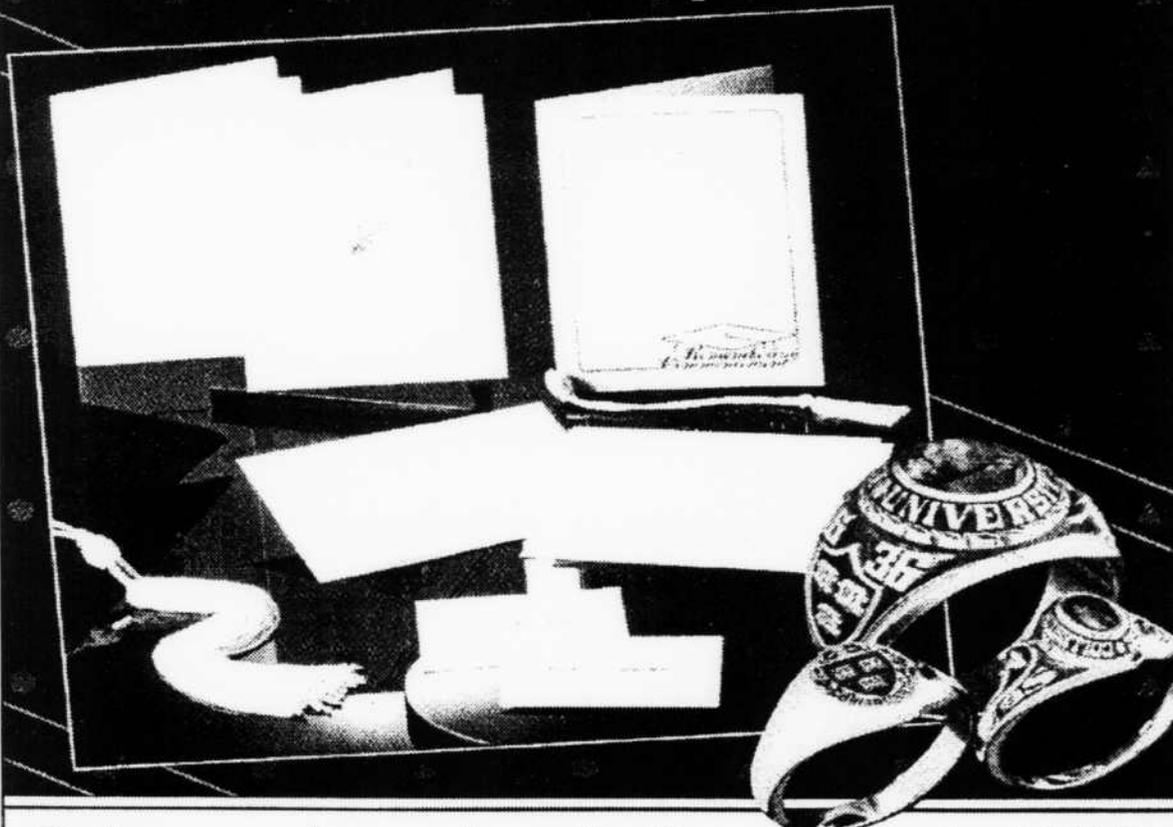


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Features

Mission Inevitable: Excerpts from a Bosnian relief diary

Jason T. Sparks
Senior Writer

You're stepping off of a plane in a foreign land as part of a select, international group that has drawn the attention of the world.

But there are a few problems. No one is putting a lei around your neck; Mr. Roarke is not demanding smiles of everyone. In fact, the ground is mined, people are shooting at each other, and if you don't do your job-get a vast amount of flour out of the plane, and quickly-the people shooting at



BURRIS

each other may decide to begin shooting at you. (And why the hell not? Your presence is only muddying a perfectly good ethnic cleansing.)

How do you respond to such circumstances? According to Larry Burriss, the best response is, essentially, to "stay close to the plane."

Burriss, a journalism professor here at MTSU, also serves as a public affairs officer for the Tennessee Air National Guard. Early in January, Burriss flew with the Guard on relief missions into Bosnia-Herzegovina. He joined the crew of a C-130 Hercules as it took relief supplies into the war-torn city of Zagreb.

"We took in generators and flour," Burriss recalls of the first mission he was on; later missions brought in large consignments of MREs (Meals Ready to Eat, a title subject to dispute by many soldiers.) According to Burriss, the payloads for the planes were whatever the United Nations

High Committee for Refugees demanded.

The standard mission for this particular crew is to leave the air base at Rhein-Main, Germany for Sarajevo; after Sarajevo, the plane would head for the Croatian city of Split, and then back to Sarajevo; and then back to Germany. According to Burriss, however, those plans changed with the first mission, when it was decided to fly from Rhein-Mein to Zagreb instead. After Zagreb, the plane will then head for Sarajevo.

Burriss recalls a general sense of calm on board the plane; because the crew were all fellow Middle Tennesseans, there was also a sense of familiarity.

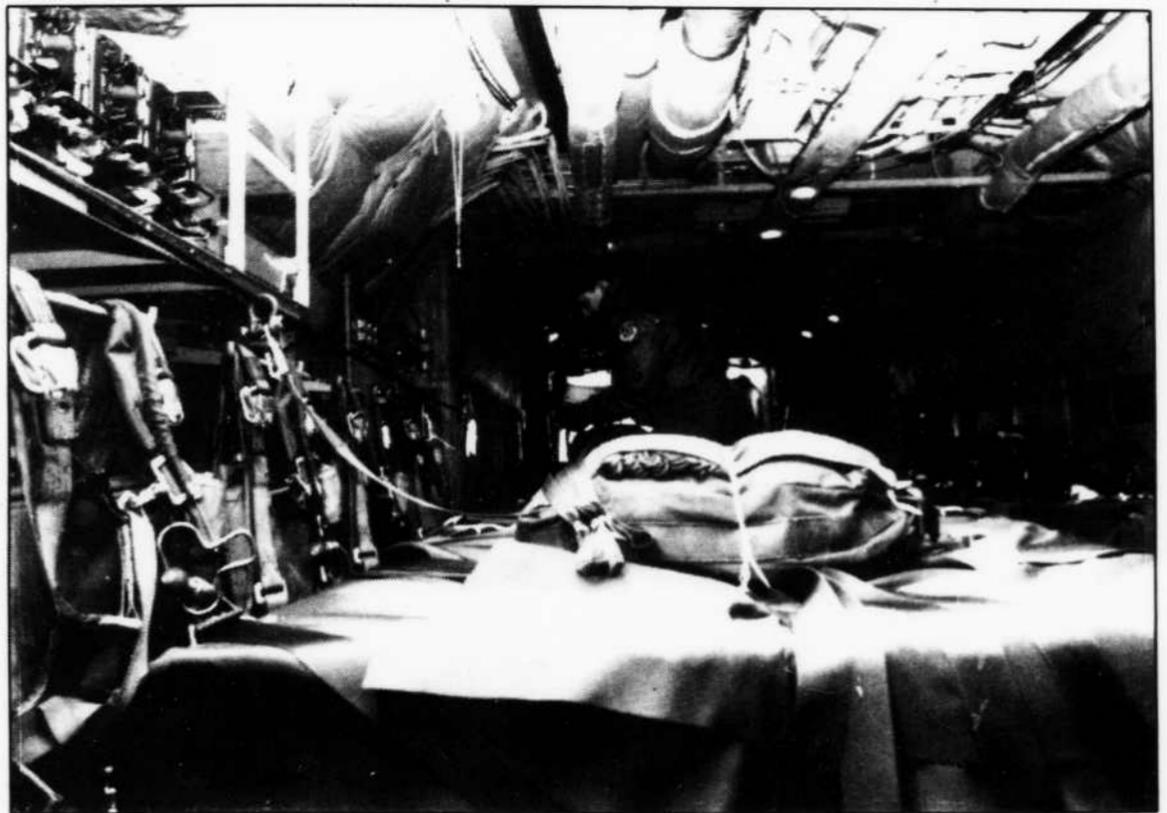
"Some were students, and talked about classes they had to take; some of them talked about their families, what they were going to do when they got home, the game that had been on the night before—it was like sitting around a table at the grill," Burriss said. The conversational tone changed, however, when the plane flew into what is called the Combat Entry Point, where it becomes vitally important to focus on landing the plane.

The quiet and professionalism were even more intense, according to Burriss, for the decent into Sarajevo. Sarajevo is in a deep valley, surrounded by mountains; that makes landing interesting enough. But on this particular day, the mountains, the valley and the city were all completely obscured by fog, so the plane had to be guided by radar into the city. And, of course, somewhere in that fog a lot of people were fighting each other.

"You don't talk when something very serious is going on," he says. "You just focus on your job, and try to think ahead to your next function."

The ground, apparently, was no more comfortable than the air. Indeed, it could be worse. When the plane landed in Zagreb, for instance, Burriss and company were warned not to venture off the runway. The grass surrounding it was mined.

"When we got off," Burriss



AIR AND LAND: (Above) Ssgt. Tom McCauley, a loadmaster with the 118th Airlift Wing, checks parachute riggings. (Right): Ssgt. Gary Crawford, a maintenance technician with the 118th Airlift Wing, prepares for a mission.

Photos: Larry Burriss

says, "we were watching to see if there were any explosions coming in from anywhere." There was also, according to Burriss, the constant possibility that "Bosnians and Serbians would shoot at each other across the runway."

Landing in Sarajevo, the signs of the war were even more prevalent—and far more sobering.

"The buildings we saw in Sarajevo were bombed out," he recalls, "and it gets you thinking. You know, we have our problems here, our natural disasters, and they are valid—but the damage over there is caused by people shooting at each other. Someone's wall is missing, and it's not because a tree has fallen on it. It's because someone has been firing mortar shells at it."

"You really start to feel for the children that are caught out



there."

Burriss is the first to admit that his fellow soldiers felt a lot of fear. He explains, however, that this fear can be a useful tool.

"You have to be afraid in these situations; it's a healthy kind of fear, like driving down the street. You've been briefed, but you can still be shot at; you don't expect a semi to pull in front of you, but if it does you're prepared."

At any rate, whatever fear the soldiers felt was tempered by the amount of training they've received. According to Burriss, the members of that crew aren't doing anything they haven't done a number of times already, in the skies of Tennessee and Kentucky.

"You go through all the same procedures," Burriss says of the

actual mission, "only this time it's not empty cartons over Fort Campbell." He says that the only major changes are the presence of combat, and the sudden monumental importance of timing.

"If you don't get the supplies in," he explains, "it causes hardships for people on the ground. It makes you more professional; it makes you go, 'Hey, this is for real.'"

In Burriss's estimation, will we fight in Bosnia?

"I've no idea—it's up to people far above our level," he says.

Should we fight in Bosnia?

"I have no idea. Anyone who's in the Guard knows it's a possibility; you have to decide if you can do it. You do what you have to do." ■

Violinist takes the stage as guest of Symphony

Yanetra Mitchell
Staff Writer

Violinist virtuoso Isabella Lippi will be the guest artist of the The Middle Tennessee Symphony Monday at 8 p.m. in Tucker Theatre in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building.

"We're excited for her coming," said Laurence Harvin of the Middle Tennessee Symphony. "She is one of the most outstanding violinists today."

Lippi has received many such compliments from the groups with which she has performed.

Lippi's performances will include "Symphony in D Minor" by Frank, "Symphony Espagnole" by Lalo, and "Bolero by Ravel."

While it may seem that playing such classical pieces took only a few years of practice, Lippi has actually been practicing and performing since she was a child. Chicago-born Lippi began her public career in the art at age 10. From then on, she was awarded numerous performances and competitions from the music world's best maestros.

Lippi's exceptional musicality belies her years as a violinist. As winner of the Chicago Symphony Youth Concert Auditions, the 10-year-old Lippi was able to perform with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

At 17, under Maestro Hugh Wolff, she became a finalist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, winning the First Prize in the Illinois Young Performers Competition. Three years later, because of her skillful technique and impressive musical production, the 21-year-old Lippi was acclaimed as a notable violinist.

"She is a fine orchestra. She's got a worldwide reputation," Harvin added.

And that she does. In 1989, Lippi affected Music Director Leonard Slatkin enough that she was requested by the St. Louis



Isabella Lippi

Symphony to perform in subscription concerts under him.

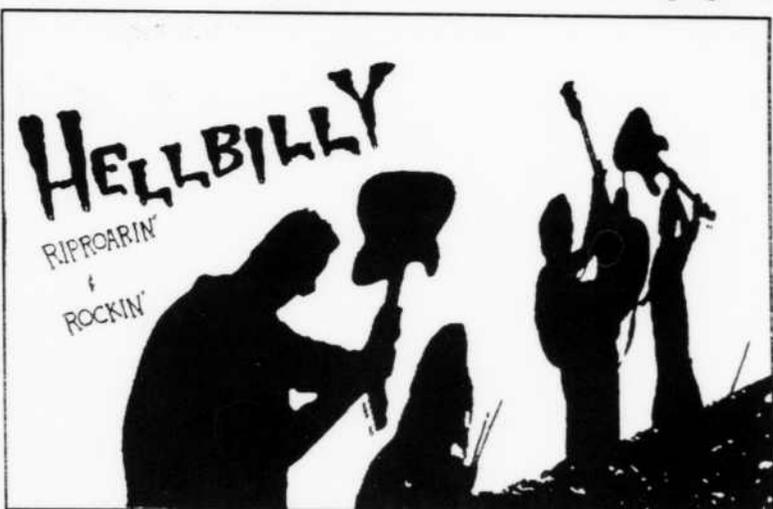
Not only was she invited to perform solo with the Moscow Symphony when she won The Young Musician's Foundation National Competition in Los Angeles, but Lippi also received numerous invitations to appear with The Mexico City Philharmonic under Enrique Batiz.

While Lippi may appear to be a natural, she acquired her talent through education. Lippi's educational background centers around her studies with some of the most intellectual and prominent teachers at the most notable schools—the University of Southern California with Robert Lipsett in Los Angeles, Calif., and

the Julliard School of Music, where she was a scholarship student under Dorothy Delay. Lippi was also once a student of Almita and Roland Vamos, who taught in Chicago, Ill.

When you attend Lippi's performance—you witness her emotional facial expressions, glorify her vibrant hand movements, and heed to her aesthetic musical pieces—consider her achievements, hard work and dedication to the art. Then, listen to the symphonies. Perhaps it will change your perception of a violinist just a little.

Tickets will be sold at the door: Adults—\$8, \$10, and \$14; Children (12 and under)—\$4. MTSU students with a valid ID may buy one ticket for \$2. ■



Raisin' Hellbilly: Rip-roarin' band plays Main Street

Corrie Cron
Features Editor

It has been said that rockabilly is the purest of all music genres.

If that is the case, then the guys from Hellbilly, performing at Mainstreet with Webb Wilder Friday night, are as pure as they come.

"I got into it from hearing my parents' music," says Jay McDowell, guitarist for the band. He cites Stray Cats as a predominate influence, along with others like Gene Vincent, Eddie Cochran and Duane Eddy.

Even though they've only been playing together for six months, Hellbilly's appeal is already starting to build.

"We've started getting steady gigs all over the region," McDowell says, mentioning Memphis, Huntsville, Nashville and Murfreesboro.

Hellbilly's five-song release, "Riproarin' & Rockin'," is very reminiscent of the doo-wap '50s music, with an added beat. The band classifies itself as a combination of thrash and country.

Even though it sounds like a dangerous mix, the style results in some fun riffs. "Riproarin' & Rockin'" will be for sale at the

Hellbilly opens for Webb Wilder Friday night at 527 Main Street. Tickets are \$8 through Ticketmaster or at the door.

show. The band will be opening for Webb Wilder, a local favorite who is popular natinwide.

Playing old favorites as well as material from the 1991 release "Doo Dad," the Nashville band will take to the Mainstreet stage at 11 p.m. Webb Wilder T-Shirts and copies of the video, "Webb Wilder's Corn Flicks", which Musicland's *Request Magazine* calls "a camp cross between an early '60s horror flick and a driver's ed movie," will be on sale at the show.

Mainstreet's Whit Hubner says the venue is preparing itself to be "packed out. Every Webb Wilder show is like that. We're expecting 400 to 500 people."

Tickets for the 9 p.m. show, also starring Lounge Flounders, are available through Ticketmaster or at the door for \$8. ■

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Sports

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Here's the wind-up, the pitch...

Raiders ready to swing

Travis Millsaps
Assistant Sports Editor

As the weather has warmed up over the past week, many people's minds have started to dream of spring. With spring, of course, comes baseball season.

Middle Tennessee State University begins its 1994 campaign this weekend with a tough three game series at top 25-ranked Auburn University. They will play a double-header on Saturday, followed by a single game Sunday. MTSU's first home game is March 12 against Eastern Illinois University.

Going into the final week of preparation for the season, Blue Raider Head Coach Steve Peterson says he is very optimistic about the upcoming year.

"I'm looking forward to the season. I think there are a lot of exciting things that will be happening and I think our ball club is such that we have an opportunity to be a good team."

One of the exciting things that Peterson is talking about is the April 4 exhibition game against the Nashville Sounds. The fundraiser for a new indoor baseball complex is generating even more excitement with the announcement that Michael Jordan could be a member of the Sounds.

"The opportunity to have a professional baseball team on this campus is an extraordinary thing, and if Mr. Jordan comes, well, you had better get your tickets now."

- Steve Peterson
Baseball coach

"The opportunity to have a professional baseball team on this campus is an extraordinary thing," said Peterson, "and if Mr. Jordan comes, well, you had better get your tickets now."

Also coming to Reese Smith Field this year will be the regular OVC games, the University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Auburn, and Memphis State.

Student tickets for the Sounds game are available at the Athletic Ticket Office for \$5 each. Students get in free to all other home contests with a valid I.D.

Another reason for excitement around Blue Raider baseball is the NCAA restructuring of its national play-off system. The

OVC lost its automatic bid to the tournament a few years ago, leaving the teams in the league facing an uphill battle to get invited.

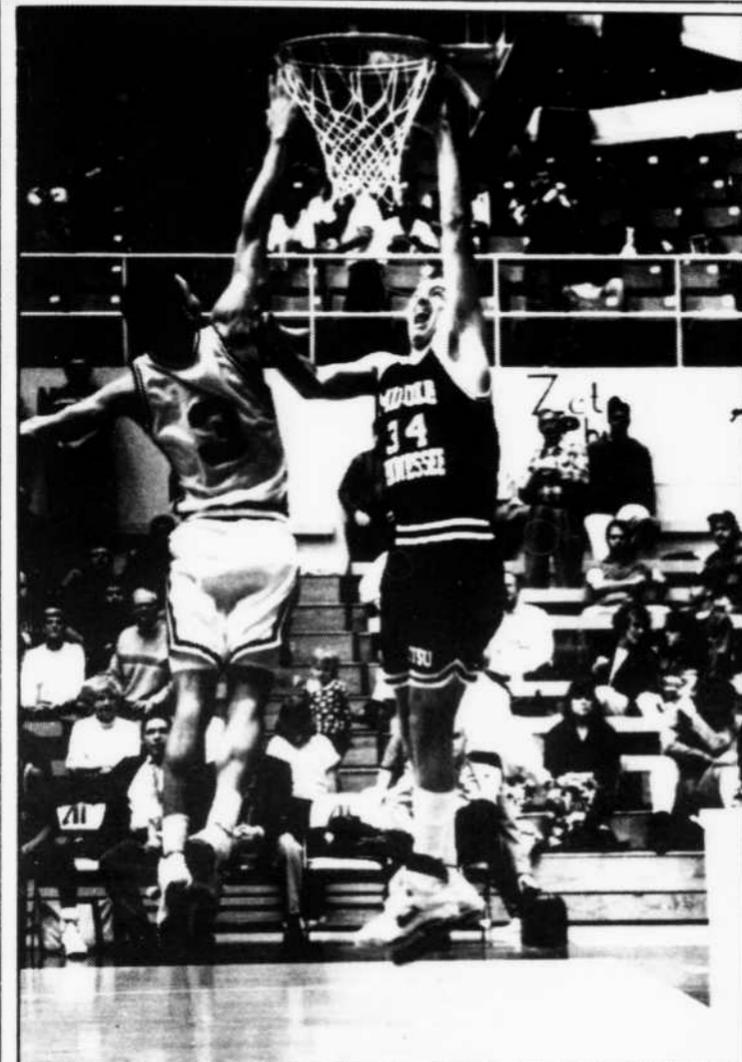
This year the winner of the OVC tournament will face the winner of the Southern Conference tournament at the Southern Conference site for a three-game series. The winner of the series will automatically go to the NCAA regional tournament.

"It's not the way it is supposed to be. If we're winning we keep playing," said Peterson. "Obviously one of our goals this year is to get to the national tournament and have an opportunity to get to Omaha (where the College World Series is held)."

Leading MTSU's team this year will be senior Mudcat Brewer. The returning OVC Player of the Year will once again assume the right field position. Peterson says that he will see some time behind the plate as well as at third base, a new position for him this year.

Peterson said that he does not believe Brewer will feel any pressure to perform this year after being named the 1993 Player of the Year.

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Coley Jackson, staff

IN YOUR FACE: MTSU's Chad Wampler skies to the basket for a dunk in the Raiders' loss at Austin Peay.

'It's Official'

Foul plagued Raiders fall to Peay

Travis Millsaps
Assistant Sports Editor

MTSU traveled to Clarksville Tuesday night hoping to pick up its first road victory of the season. However, the Blue Raiders came home winless as Austin Peay defeated them by a score of 87-65.

Free throw shooting was the major difference in the first half as MTSU was whistled for 13 fouls, compared to only five for APSU. The Governors hit 13-of-16 from the charity stripe, while Middle was just 3-of-6.

"I would say fouling had an impact on the game," said MTSU head coach David Farrar. "They were playing a much more aggressive brand of defense."

"I think at halftime, we had shot 40 percent, we had made more field goals than they had made, and we had out-rebounded them by a couple, but obviously we were down by 10."

The Raiders managed to hang close to the Gobs coattails, but as it has been all season with scoring lapses, the Raiders fell by the wayside down the stretch as the controversial officiating continued.

In the second half, Terry Boykin, Bubba Wells, and Habib Maiga of APSU and Milton Dean of MTSU all got technical fouls called on them for trash-talking.

"When you let the game get disruptive and then you try to get it back, it's a little like dealing with an unruly child," said Farrar. "It's really unfair to spank the child after you've let them behave anyway they want for some period of time, then all of a sudden you tell them 'I want you to behave another way.'"

There was an observer hired by the OVC to watch the game and critique the officials at the half - a concept Farrar didn't like.

"I think the most useless thing in basketball right now is an observer, an official's observer, to pay to have a guy come and watch this game and meet with them (officials) at halftime. I think if you go back, you'll see the game was called differently in the first half than in the second half."

"It's the biggest waste of money in basketball right now," continued Farrar. "It has not one positive effect, they're [the

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Ball bounces MTSU's way

Ladies break losing streak, continue winning streak over APSU

Tony J. Arnold
Sports Editor

When MTSU's Lady Raiders fell behind by four points in the second half, everyone had to wonder: Is it happening again?

In recent weeks, the Ladies have been faltering at crunch time, largely due to poor outside shooting.

But Wednesday was different as Middle found a bit of its long range touch in pulling out a 67-62 win, breaking a four-game OVC losing streak. At the same time, it extended a winning streak over APSU which now stands at 37 wins to none for Peay.

"We knew we really had to win this game," admitted Sherry Tucker. "We needed this win because we're getting ready for the OVC tournament and we needed some confidence."

Things were really going the Lady Raiders' way as they quickly built a 10-point lead in the opening half. However, Peay whittled away and trimmed it to five by the half before bolting out of the gates with a scoring run in

the second.

Within seven minutes, the Lady Governors rallied to take a 44-39 lead. MTSU made a run, taking the lead back, but Peay came right back with an answer, gaining the advantage with crunch time nearing.

"It was very important there at the end that we get in front of them," admitted MTSU coach Lewis Bivens. "We've been getting it down to three or four (in previous losses) and then our motors stopped running."

But the Lady Raiders were running on high octane this time and Heather Prater's 3-pointer from the corner with 4:11 keyed a 7-0 run that put Middle ahead for good.

"We had a 10-point lead early and had some chances to really break it open, but we had three straight trips down the court where we didn't score," recalled Bivens. "Give Austin Peay credit though, they hung in there and hit some big shots."

While Prater's trey gave MTSU the lead, it was the return of Tucker that perhaps had the

biggest impact on the night. The Lady Raiders second leading scorer had been struggling of late. Against Peay, she led all scorers with 23 points, three blocks, three steals, dished off two assist and grabbed five rebounds.

"I think it's because I'm playing harder on defense," explained Tucker. "My shots are just starting to fall."

Prater netted 11 points for the Lady Raiders while senior Maggie Cox chipped in 10. Priscilla Robinson cleaned the glass with a game high 13 rebounds.

Despite knocking down the big outside shots, the Lady Raiders only managed a 35 percent shooting clip on the night compared to 44 percent for APSU.

The Lady Raiders improved to 18-6 overall, 9-5 in the OVC. They will close out the regular season this weekend hosting Morehead State on Saturday at 5:30 and league leading Eastern Kentucky at the same time on Monday.

The OVC tournament begins in Nashville on Saturday, March 5 at Municipal Auditorium. ■

Ladies building step by step

Softball begins this weekend

Staff Reports

Starting just its second season, MTSU's Lady Raider softball team is building one step at a time. This season will find the Lady Raiders with a new on-campus playing facility, as well as an abundance of new players.

This weekend will mark the beginning of MTSU's campaign. The team will travel to Troy State to participate in the Troy State Invitational Friday and Saturday. Other teams in the field include Troy State, Tennessee State and Austin Peay.

"We are very excited and ready to get the season started," said head coach Karen Green. "We have virtually a new team and are expecting to be more competitive and maybe, with the right breaks, even challenge for the OVC crown."

Only three players return from last year's inaugural campaign. This season will see Middle Tennessee have more players with more experience and should bode well for a competitive season in the OVC.

The three returnees are last year's hitting leader and second baseman Mandy Blair, starting third baseman Kristin Rawlins, and pitching ace Andrea Edwards.

Baird is a natural leader and her abilities will be put to the test with nine new players. Rawlins and Edwards are both solid returnees who should prove capable of sharing the leadership role with Baird.

Pitching and catching depth

Date	Opponent	Time(CST)
Fri., Feb 25-26	#Troy State Tournament	TBA
Tues., Mar. 1	*Tennessee State	2 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 2	Evansville	2 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 6	@Furman	1 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 11	*Morehead State	2 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 13-19	\$Rebel Games	TBA
(MTSU, Wisc.-Green Bay, Providence, Army, Bradley, Dayton, Rider, Maine, IUPUI-Indianapolis)		
Sun., Mar. 20	*Southeast Missouri	1 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 23	Troy State	2 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 26	*Eastern Kentucky	2 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 29	@*Austin Peay	3:30 p.m.
Thur., Mar. 31	*Tennessee Tech	2 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 2	@*Southeast Missouri	2 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 3	@*UT-Martin	1 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 4	Carson-Newman	Noon
Tues., Apr. 5	@*Tennessee State	2 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 8-9	MTSU Invitational	TBA
(MTSU, Austin Peay, Troy State, Athens State)		
Mon., Apr. 11	@*Tennessee Tech	2 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 13	*Austin Peay	2 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 15	*UT-Martin	2 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 16	@*Eastern Kentucky	1 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 17	@*Morehead State	11 a.m.
Tues., Apr. 19	@Evansville	3 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 22-23	%OVC Tournament	TBA
*OVC Game		
#Troy State Tournament; Troy, Ala.		
\$Rebel Games; Orlando, Fla.		
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are the major improvements from last year's squad to this year's model. Whereas Edwards shouldered most of the pitching load last season, three newcomers will help balance the rotation.

The teams co-captain with Baird is junior Jill Booth. Booth is a strong-armed pitcher, as well as a very capable outfielder. Splitting time on the mound and in centerfield with Booth will be junior Jennifer Fine. Jenny West will see most of her action at first base, but will play a role as a reliever and spot starter on the mound.

Summer league Class C All-American Jamie Estepa will

bolster the catching corps, along with Charlotte Peay and Kacey Cardiff.

Peay, Brenda Bessinger and Melissa Webb will challenge for time in the outfield. Last, but certainly not least, the infield will receive a strong boost from slick fielding shortstop Stacy Gafford.

The Lady Raiders first home game is Tuesday, March 1 when they host Tennessee State. Festivities begin at 1:45 p.m., with the first pitch being tossed by MTSU president James Walker. Game time is slated for 2 p.m.

"The new field will be ready, and hopefully we will too," commented Green. ■

according to Peterson. Left-handers Craig Reavis and University of Georgia transfer Brian Swistak should give the Blue Raiders a south-paw combination. Patrick Mayes, Doug Barner, and Chris Rickman will also contribute heavily to the pitching rotation.

Behind the plate, Hicks will be returning for his final year. He will probably share time with Chris Snyder, freshman Andrew Thompson and Brewer.

First base will be manned by either Craig Reavis or Brent Greer.

The starting second base job is turning into a real battle between returning senior Lodes and newcomer Jamie Walker.

"It is kind of a day-to-day thing right now," said Peterson, "I feel good with both of them."

At shortstop, the Raiders must replace Chicago Cubs signee Jason Maxwell. The starting job is between freshman Clay Snellgrove and sophomore George Oleksik. It is also a day-to-day battle.

Third base will be handled by Barner, with Brewer playing the position when Barner is on the mound.

The left field position is also

still open with Walker, Chris Goggin, and Kevin Hacker all competing for playing time.

Center field will be guarded by Price, while Brewer will spend the majority of the time in right field.

"We've got so many different things that we can do this year that we didn't have last year," said Peterson.

"I'm a pitching and defense guy," Peterson commented. "We'll hit what we're supposed to hit. What I'm looking for when we go to Auburn is solid defense, solid pitching, and the hitting will take care of itself."

"I feel good about the middle of our line-up, but I'm still searching for a lead-off hitter. We might not have a traditional type of lead-off hitter that can run real well, but we need someone who can put the ball in play, has a good eye, and doesn't strike out a lot."

Peterson encourages everyone to come out to Reese Smith Field and enjoy the Blue Raiders this baseball season.

"I think it is going to be a season that our students, faculty, and administration can have a great time coming to the ballpark," he said. ■

Blue Bits

Indoor championships set

Staff Reports

The OVC Indoor Championships will be held this weekend at Murphy Center. They will take place all day Saturday, with both the Blue and Lady Raiders competing.

In the NCAA News dated Feb. 9, 1994, coach Dean Hayes' charges were ranked 12th in the nation, with 14 points for men's indoor track. They were tied with Washington State, UCLA and Baylor, just two points ahead of Georgia. Ranked number one with 89 points is the University of Arkansas.

In the women's rankings, the Lady Raiders are tied for ninth with Michigan at the 18-point mark, three points ahead of the Tennessee Lady Vols. The top-ranked women's indoor team is Louisiana State with 48 points. ■

Golfers face stiff competition

Staff Reports

The MTSU golf team is heading for 54 holes of the stiffest competition it has ever faced. The Blue Raiders fly out Friday for Jacksonville, Fla., and the Queen's Harbor Intercollegiate.

"We're going down there to have some fun, and see how we match up," stated head coach Johnny Moore.

The entry list is a who's who of collegiate golf, with the NCAA Division I defending champion Florida, NCAA Division II champion North Florida, Louisiana State and Arkansas, to name just a few. ■

Moosemen off to strong start

Travis Millsaps

Assistant Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee State University Mooseman Rugby Club began its season this past weekend with a pair of victories in Memphis.

Saturday they defeated Memphis State University 12-6, and followed up on Sunday with a 5-3 victory over Rhodes College.

In Rugby five points are awarded for a tri, which is when a player crosses the goal line and touches the ball down; three points are awarded for a field goal, and two points are awarded for an extra point.

In Saturday's action against Memphis State, Dace Schuck and Toby Florek each scored a tri for MTSU. Miles Cumberpatch converted on an extra point attempt.

"It was a good battle," said Scott Daniel. "It was our first game of the season, but our pack won a lot of balls and our backs were able to control the ball."

In Sunday's action, Daniel scored the only tri for Middle.

"We played a lot of new guys against Rhodes," said Daniel. "Although the score was closer than we would have liked, a lot of guys got valuable experience."

Overall, team members said they were pleased with their first weekend of action.

"This weekend was like a starting point for us," said Shawn McGee. "But we're going to have to get better as the season goes on."

"This weekend was a learning experience," said Daniel. "We realized a lot of does and don'ts."

The team will be back in action on Sunday against their arch-rival Vanderbilt in Nashville at 1:00 p.m. ■

Foul...

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the observers] just hanging out with their buddies."

The Blue Raiders were lead by Dean with 23 points. Tim Gaither returned to the line-up after missing a game with a fractured finger and scored 19, and Chad Wampler tossed in 10 points.

The Governors finished the game having connected on 30-of-40 from the charity stripe, while the Blue Raiders were 15-of-23. The final foul total was MTSU with 28 and APSU with 18.

MTSU fell to 6-18 overall on the year and to 3-11 in the OVC. The loss placed Middle's road record at 0-11 for the year.

"You don't win on the road when you're not very good," said Farrar. "But playing at home is no

thrill for us either, because it's not like we create a great home atmosphere."

"I get a big kick out of people," continued Farrar. "One of the things they'll say to me is 'Well your team played hard' I don't think we play hard. I would not have sat out there watching that game going, 'Boy, this is a bunch of guys that love college basketball, they may not be good enough to win, but they're having a lot of fun and they'll bust you.' I wouldn't have said that."

And Farrar said that he saw no positives in this game for his team.

"On the positive, I didn't have to pay to get in."

Middle will now return to Murphy Center for the remainder of the regular season. They play Morehead on Saturday night and Eastern Kentucky on Monday. ■

Swing

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"Playing the game of baseball, for Mudcat, is no pressure at all. He's got more pressure to perform in the classroom than he does on the baseball field," said Peterson. "I'd pay my money to see Mudcat play, he gives the game what it is worth."

Two more fourth-year seniors returning to the team are catcher Jamie Hicks and Chris Price. After battling injuries all last year, Price will replace Ken Finley in center field this year.

Brewer, Hicks, and Price are the only players on MTSU's roster with NCAA regional tournament experience. As freshmen, they went to Los Angeles, California in 1991.

"I know it is important to them," said Peterson, "to go out having the opportunity to go to a national tournament again."

The other two seniors on Middle's team are three year player Lance Lodes and first year player Brian Swistak.

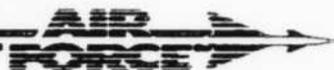
The Blue Raiders have more depth in their pitching staff this year than they did previously,

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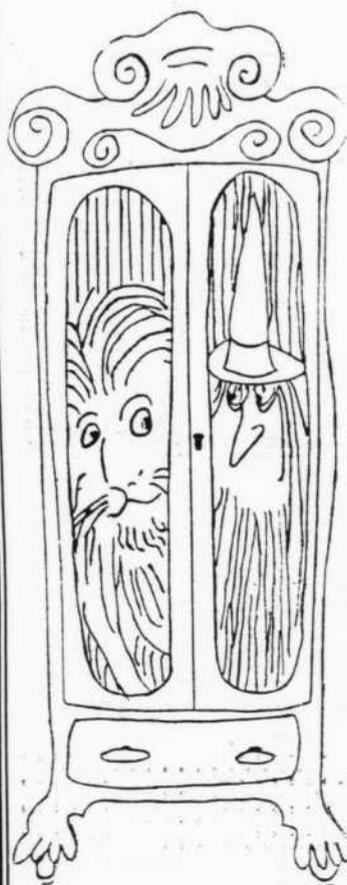
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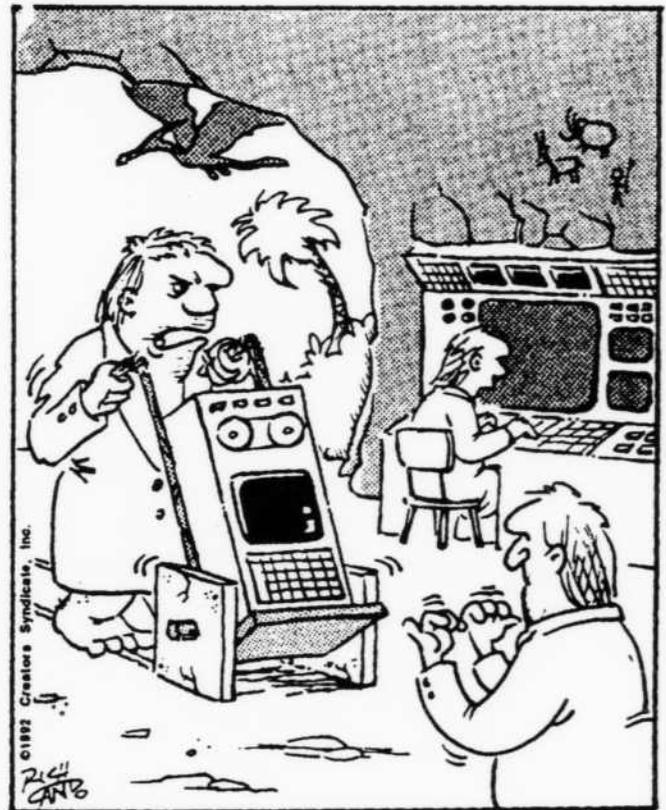
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The Amputation Diet Plan

Colorado Board of Regents abolishes paid sabbaticals

College Press Service

The case of a Colorado university administrator who wanted to take an eight-month sabbatical to study Shakespeare has sparked a movement to regulate paid leaves of absence that professor and university officials are granted to conduct research projects.

Merrill Lessley had intended to take an eight-month leave while still drawing \$7,600 a month in pay as vice chancellor of academic affairs at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. However, the arrangement received heavy criticism after newspaper reports brought it to light.

"What on earth does the University of Colorado think it is doing by granting paid vacations of six to eight months ... for administrators?" questioned an editorial in Denver's *Rocky Mountain News*.

At a time of budget cuts in higher education, state universities can't afford to be so generous with university officials or professors, the newspaper editorial said.

A group of Colorado politicians agreed, and state Rep. Tony Grampsas, R-Golden, introduced a bill to impose guidelines on the granting of paid sabbaticals.

"Some universities are giving sabbaticals under confidential conditions. Why should it be confidential, when the public is paying for it?" Grampsas asked.

Before legislators could take

action on the bill, however, the University of Colorado Board of Regents moved late last year to freeze paid administrative leaves. In January, the board abolished administrative sabbaticals altogether and is looking at ways to restrict paid leaves to faculty at its four campuses.

Grampsas said sabbaticals have gotten away from their

"...he was going to study Shakespeare and Aristotle. How can there be an advantage to the state or the students on that campus?"

Tony Grampsas
Colorado State Representative

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"Sabbaticals were designed for the purpose of expanding the experience of faculty," Grampsas says. Students, colleges and the state should benefit from the research an instructor does on a sabbatical. Because they have little direct contact with students, Grampsas says administrators can't pass on what they've learned during a leave.

"In the case of this Colorado Springs guy, he was going to study Shakespeare and Aristotle. How can there be an advantage to the state or the students on that campus?" Grampsas asked.

Lessley, who since left the Colorado Springs campus and is teaching an art class at the UC-Boulder campus and a senior

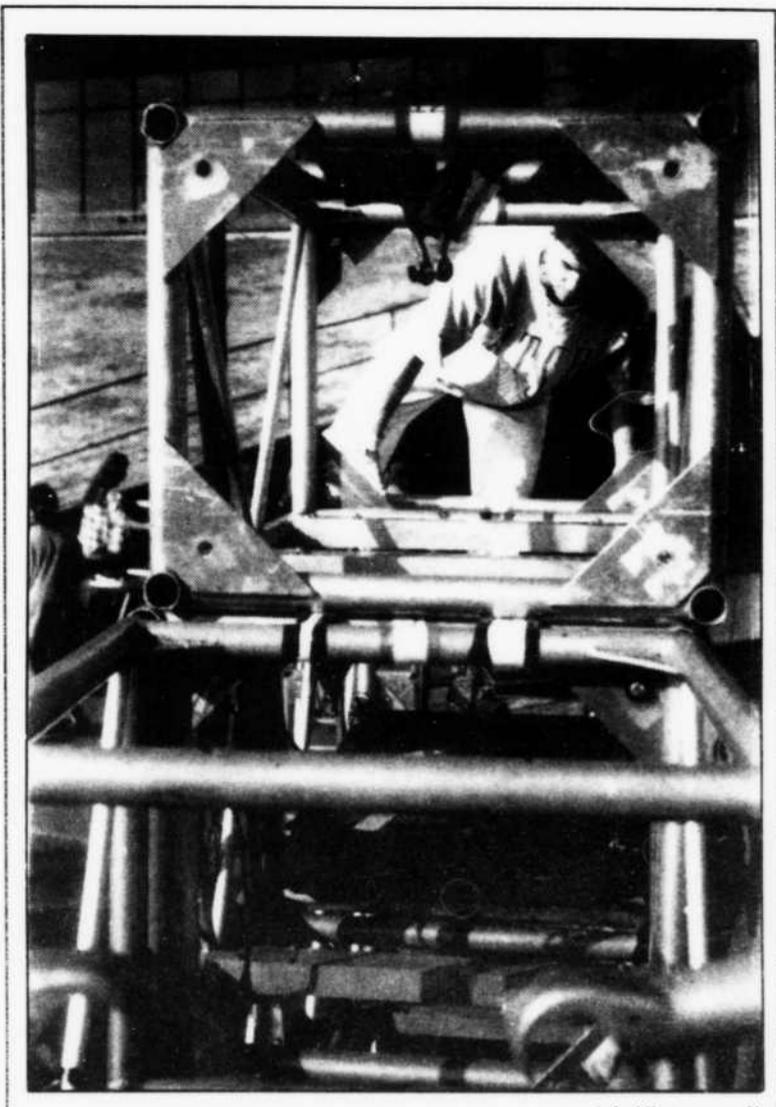
seminar at UC-Denver, said the situation was more complicated than the newspaper reports indicated. He also said his departure was not prompted by the publicity.

At the time of the sabbatical request last semester, Lessley said he was still a member of the faculty even though he was serving as vice chancellor. He had not taught for 12 years before he decided to take the leave.

"First of all, it was not a sabbatical. It was an administrative leave," Lessley said, declining to comment on what difference exists between the two. "I felt that, after being out of the classroom, it would be really helpful to get my research stream back up again."

Although he feels his planned leave of absence was taken out of context, the 52-year-old Lessley said he harbors no ill will. "That's life, so I had no hard feelings," he said.

Iris Molotsky, a spokeswoman for the American Association of University Professors, says the group takes no stand on administrative sabbaticals. "But we think the colleges, not government, should regulate that policy. The mere fact that sabbaticals are being portrayed as vacations shows there's a real misunderstanding of what they are," she said. "They are part of a part of a faculty's responsibility to keep up with their profession." ■



J.A. Hinton, staff

NOT TOO CLOSE: John Luttrell unloads lights for the concert last night at Murphy Center.

Farrar honored as top business professor

Scott Stewart
Special to Sidelines



FARRAR

Patricia Farrar has been elected "Outstanding Professor in the College of Business" by the insurance fraternity Gamma Iota Sigma.

The award was given to Farrar after a vote by the juniors and seniors of the College of Business Feb. 7 and 8.

"I would like to thank the students who voted for me," Farrar said. "I usually have them as sophomores, and knowing they remember me as juniors and seniors makes it more special."

Gamma Iota Sigma gives the award as part of its competition with 35 other chapters across the

country. The award is given only at MTSU.

Dr. Ken Holliman, chairman of the insurance department at the College of Business and advisor to Gamma Iota Sigma, praised Farrar.

"Farrar is devoted to the students and her profession," Holliman said. "She is well-prepared, relevant, and current in her field."

"The students and I feel it is a way to provide psychological encouragement to the faculty for doing a good job," Holliman said.

Farrar has been an instructor of statistics at MTSU since 1987. Before coming here she spent 16 years teaching at high schools in Arkansas and Alabama. She received her undergraduate degree at Jacksonville State University in Alabama and did her graduate work at MTSU. ■

New software helps students with resume

Deanna Snowden
Staff Writer

Resume Expert, a computerized registration and resume program from the Placement and Student Employment Center, helps students write the perfect resume and get these resumes to prospective employers, according to placement advisors.

Resume Expert is a company that designs programs to fit the needs of various institutions. This particular program was designed specifically for MTSU. It was installed with the Placement Center last summer.

"I see it as an investment for your lifetime," said Ramona DuRant, assistant director of the

Placement and Student Employment Center.

The program outlines six basic resume forms that can be combined to create a wide variety of resume styles. The program comes with an instruction book to use as a guide.

Once students have completed the Resume Expert program, they can register their resume for no charge with the Placement Center's information system database to be used for employee referrals and mailing lists.

In the past three weeks, DuRant has sent out 472 resumes to inquiring businesses for students registered with the system. In the 1992-93 school year,

1,807 students were registered with the system.

"It is very simple and user-friendly," DuRant said. "It can be used with any IBM-compatible computer." Any of the computer labs on campus can be used.

DuRant said there have been some problems with the printing of the programs on various computers. If students have a problem, they need to bring their disk to the Placement Center to have their resumes printed.

The software program is available for about \$20 at Phillips Bookstore.

Students interested in this service should contact the Placement Center at ext. 2500 for more details. ■

Correction:

In the Feb 21 issue of *Sidelines*, it was erroneously reported that the campus observatory had 16 reflecting telescopes. The observatory houses one 16 inch reflecting telescope. We would also like to note that Dr. James White, assistant professor of chemistry and physics, has a background in astronomy, not astrology.

Sidelines regrets the error.