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Prospects for on-campus Greek Row rise

Fraternity homes could be ready in 4 years: LaLance

KRIS WETZEL
News Editor

Nine Greek organizations have expressed interest in founding a Greek Row on property designated on South Rutherford Boulevard.

Greek organizations have

pushed for the establishment of housing on campus since the 1960-1970s, according to Vice-President of Student Affairs Robert LaLance.

"I think it's more possible now than it has ever been," LaLance said. "The establishment of a Greek Row will contribute to the sense of being a big school. President Walker has been interested in enhancing opportunities for students to stay on campus, and I think a Greek Row will develop

that interest."

Shawn McFarland, president of the Interfraternity Council, attributes the push to establish Greek housing as a response to university growth.

"It will add another dimension to the campus that is not already there," McFarland said. "If the university [football team] goes Division I-A and we build the new stadium, there will be 40,000 people here on

weekends."

Currently, zoning laws prohibit land purchase for the purposes of a Greek housing. Fraternity and sorority houses that existed before the passage of the new zoning laws are permitted to remain in town. LaLance said an on-campus Greek Row could pacify the sector of the Murfreesboro community that complains about Greek housing.

McFarland said the creation of a Greek Row on

campus would encourage the unification of Greek organizations.

"I think Greek housing offers a lot for the Greek organizations," McFarland said. "During rush, everything would be oriented. It would eliminate driving around from house to house. It also might encourage the chapters to work together for philanthropy."

Fraternities Pi Kappa
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Music students draft letter of concerns

MARK BLEVINS
Assistant News Editor

Five music students gathered in the hallway of the Saunders Fine Arts Building last night to draw up a letter of concerns about their department to give to President James Walker.

Amy Williamson, a sophomore vocal education major, said they are not bashing the music department but they want to let Walker know that things there "aren't all well and good."

The group cited the intimidation of students by certain faculty, the lack of respect for students by certain faculty and the unprofessionalism of certain faculty in the department as problems.

"One of our many problems is that we don't talk about our problems because we are intimidated by some of the faculty," Williamson said.

Williamson and the others agreed that students feel intimidated by the professors because the students must go to their professors for recommendations after graduation. They also said

some students fear losing scholarships or being blackballed by the department.

David Alderson, a senior instrumental education major, said the intimidation is not verbal, but "it's just something that's understood."

"Subtle things happen if they think you are a malcontent," Alderson said.

Williamson said some faculty have silently gotten behind her after she expressed concerns at a music department convocation in January.

The group said that gossip and rumors in the department are rampant, which they attributed to a general feeling of distrust and discontent within the department. They said faculty talk about each other to students and that there is rivalry among faculty.

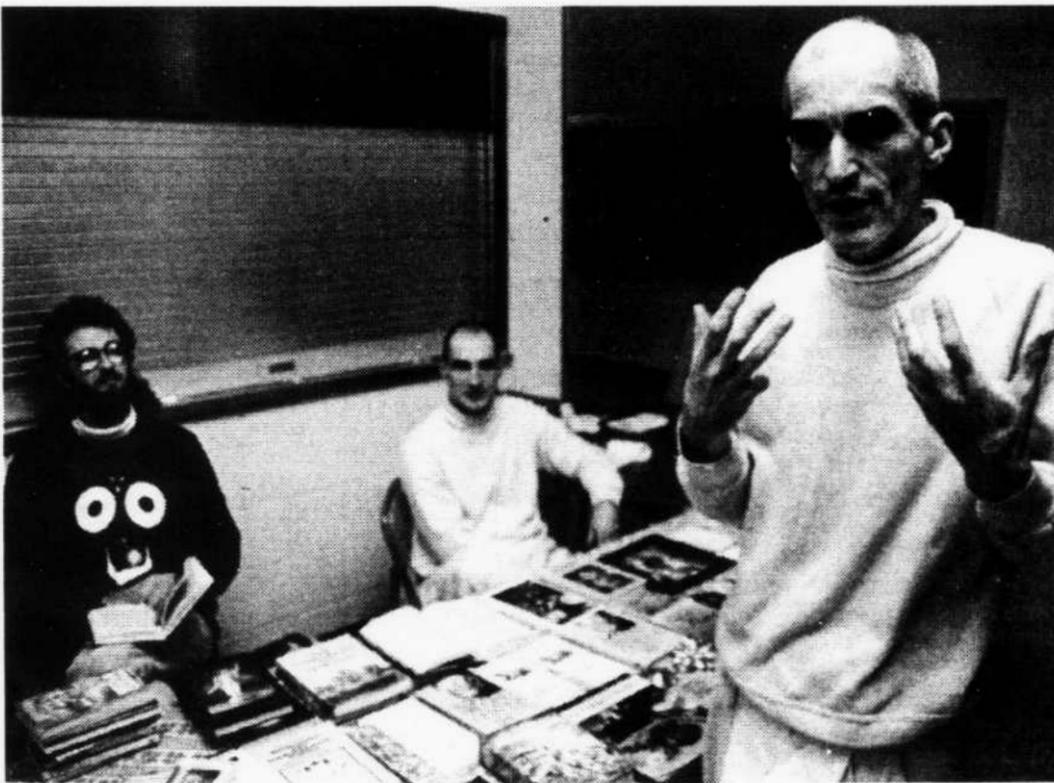
One student said she confided to a professor a personal matter and the confidante had been broken to faculty and students.

"It's gotten to the point where we don't trust each other—everybody talks about everybody," Williamson said.

The students questioned the adequacy of the faculty to teach the students how to be music educators when the faculty are using intimidation methods in

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A Different Way of Life



CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

Jaya Balarara das explains the teachings and beliefs of the Krishna Conscience movement.

'Women and Power' conference pools hundreds of participants

JENNIFER RUSSELL
Staff Writer

The first "Women and Power" conference hosted approximately 300 speakers and participants on campus this weekend in conjunction with National Women's History Month.

According to English professor Dr. Judith Slagle,

the purpose of the conference was to give women the opportunity to talk with other women about women's issues.

The conference featured two speakers, Mary Daly, associate professor of Theology at Boston College, and Maria Luisa "Papusa" Molina, professor at Hamilton College and

founder of "Women against Racism." Both women also held a book signing session for their works.

Daly delivered "Recalling the Outrageous, Contagious Courage of Women" as the keynote speech on Friday. Molina's speech was titled "Infinite

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MTSU NEWS

Student recognized internationally for creative writing

CHRIS PATTERSON
Copy Editor

Senior Sue Mullin has been selected to read her short story "Mad Annie" at Sigma Tau Delta's International Convention in St. Louis, Mo. following its publication in the English Honors Society's exclusive international journal *The Rectangle*.

According to Dr. Tom Strawman, MTSU Sigma Tau Delta faculty sponsor, Mullin is the first MTSU

provide students with various opportunities for scholarly exchange and sharing of their ideas." said William C. Johnson, executive director of Sigma Tau Delta.

"This is my first national publication and the greatest excitement for me is that this gives me validation for my work from strangers," Mullin said. "Being invited to read at the convention furthers this validation. It provides me the opportunity to meet other serious

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-Sue Mullin

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It really represents the best of the best," said Candice Moonshower, MTSU Sigma Tau Delta chapter president.

"I think it's great that Sue is an non-traditional student, also. It shows the diversity that MTSU has. Speaking from an older student's point of view it gives us all hope.

"It was a great story. It was very well-written and moving," Moonshower continued. "The imagery was wonderful. I can't say enough about it. I can see why it is a winning story. Sue is a very dedicated writer. I'm happy to see her hard work pay off for her."

Mullin is currently pursuing a double major in journalism and English. ■

Strawman continued, "Sue has been writing for a long time and has been published in *Collage* but that only goes out to a limited number of people. This will give her exposure that is far outside of that."

The convention will consist of readings of internationally chosen works, workshops on various topics, speakers and social events allowing beginning serious writers to network with each other. The theme of the entries for the convention was Looking through the Arch: The Pioneer Spirit.

"The purpose of the convention, of course, is to

Campus Capsule

Today

A pre-nursing seminar will be held by the Jr. nursing students who have just started the nursing courses from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the C-K Nursing Bldg. Room 121. The seminar is being held to give insight into admission to the nursing courses and things to expect in your first semester of nursing courses.

A SGA presidential candidate discussion sponsored by McHenry Hall Council will be held at 8 p.m. at KUC 324. Everyone is welcome.

A screening of Jane Campion's *The Piano* will be held at 7 p.m. in Peck Hall 218. Free and open.

The Anthropological Society of MTSU will meet at 3 p.m. in Room 318 of Peck Hall. Join us.

The Black Student Journalists Assoc. will meet at 5:30 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 150. New members welcome!

Tau Omicron will meet at 5 p.m. in KUC 322.

"Harvey" is showing at the Wesley Foundation at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3/student or \$5 for two and \$5/adult non-student.

Tue., March 7

The Third Annual Women's Studies Undergraduate Symposium. Come share a rare opportunity with undergraduates from across the Southeast region as they present academic work from all disciplines regarding women's issues: Tenn. Room of the JUB from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The PSI CHI/Psychology Club will host Dr. Beverly Burke of the psychology dept. to speak from 4:30 - 6 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 105. Topic is "Mary Parker Follett: Organizational Psychology Pioneer."

Wed., March 8

Phi Mu Delta Pre-Professional Society will be meeting at 5 p.m. in DSB Room 106. All members must attend to discuss important agenda. Those interested in joining are encouraged to visit.

The Placement and Student Employment Center will hold a Resume Writing Workshop on Wed. March 8 at 11 a.m.; an Interview Preparation Seminar on Thur. March 9 at 3 p.m.; and a Resume Critique on Fri. March 10 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. All sessions are in KUC Room 318.

Writer's Night at 8:30 p.m. in KUC game room. Showcase your songwriting talent for free.

Thur., March 9

Christian Music Society organizational meeting: 6 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 150. Come all ye students, faculty, staff, whether a musician or not. If you're interested in Christian music, come join us. Good things are happening.

Upcoming & Ongoing

A photography show by Jane Alden Stevens will be in the Photographic Gallery of the LRC from Feb. 26 - March 30.

Creation of an Assoc. of History Graduate Students on Fri., March 10 at 2 p.m. in KUC Room 315. Dr. David Rowe will be giving the keynote address.

Campus Rec will be sponsoring a table tennis tournament on March 15 from 5 - 9 p.m. in the Alumni Gym. Deadlines for entry will be March 13. \$2/person.

The Erudite Emancipators meet every Thursday in Peck Hall Room 304 at 3 p.m. E.E. is an organization dedicated to help African-American students address problems and difficulties they may face on campus.

The National Assoc. of Environmental Professionals meets every Friday in VIS 103 from 11 - 11:50 a.m. We are currently working on the Lytle Creek Project. Anyone wanting to participate, please join us or call.

Block & Bridle meets every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. in SAG Room 125. Everyone is welcome! *Members should wear their B \$ B jackets to the Feb. 28 meeting for yearbook group picture.

Single Fathers: I am doing a research study concerning the rights and the problems you may have encountered with state and federal laws. Please, call me. I am interested in your stories, and I want to help change the laws for your equality. Ashley Rouse, 781-0136.

If anyone is interested in studying Ayn Rand and the philosophy of Objectivism, write to: MTSU Box B-890. Email: m_c_000b@frank.mtsu.edu

MTSU Equestrian Team meets every Monday at 7 p.m. at the TN Livestock Center Sales Arena.

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

MTSU LAMBDA ASSOCIATION: A social support group for gays, lesbians and bisexuals meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Comm Room 104. For more info. call 780-2293.

International Student's Association meets Fridays at 6 p.m. in KUC 318. Contact Kaysone Panyanouvong at 893-4457.

Dinner/Worship every Tue. at 5:30 p.m. at Wesley Foundation for \$2.50. Worship on Wed. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 8 p.m.

Prayer Breakfast at Presbyterian Student Fellowship Friday mornings at 7. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

"Raiders for Christ" devotional every Monday at 7 p.m. and small group bible studies on Thursdays (times vary). Contact Eddy Dyer at 895-9439 or the MTSU Student Christian Center at 896-1529.

College Worship Wednesday nights at 9 at the Presbyterian Student Fellowship (615 N. Tenn. Blvd.). Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

Church of God in Christ Revival on Campus Ministries meets every Thursday in the KUC. Bible study and guest speakers. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Rolanda Payne at 898-4065.

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CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

Sophomore music education major Mark Howell practices on the marimba in one of Wright Music Hall's practice rooms last Wednesday.

Tournament will add to parking problems

KRYS SPAIN
Staff Writer

The Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA) is holding the girl's and boy's basketball tournaments at Murphy Center March 8-11 and 15-18.

Parking may pose a problem on these days due to the tournaments. Students are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes to an hour early for their classes.

"Parking is always a problem, and this year the timing isn't good. The boys tournament is usually held during Spring Break, but this year the tournaments take place while classes are in session," said Ronnie Carter, Executive Director of TSSAA.

Mid-terms are scheduled for March 8-11. The Tennessee Livestock Center is holding Agribition March 15-18.

"Agribition is one of the Center's biggest events, so parking will fill up the livestock center parking lot and spill over onto the campus," said Gary Hunter,

Director of Parking and Transportation.

The Greenland parking lots A and B have been reserved by TSSAA for VIP's and the media. Lots C and D will also fill up quickly. The schools participating in TSSAA have been given a map directing that they park on the east side of campus, near Corlew and Cummings Hall.

An additional Raider Express shuttle will be running a direct route from the east side of the campus to Murphy Center every 15 minutes.

Tournament activities are scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and the games start at 11 a.m. Activities could last until 11 p.m. each night. Automobiles will be coming in and out of the lots several times during the days.

There will be between 40,000 and 50,000 people in attendance Wednesday through Saturday each week. Attendance increases toward the afternoon and weekends, while the amount of students parking on campus decreases at that time. ■

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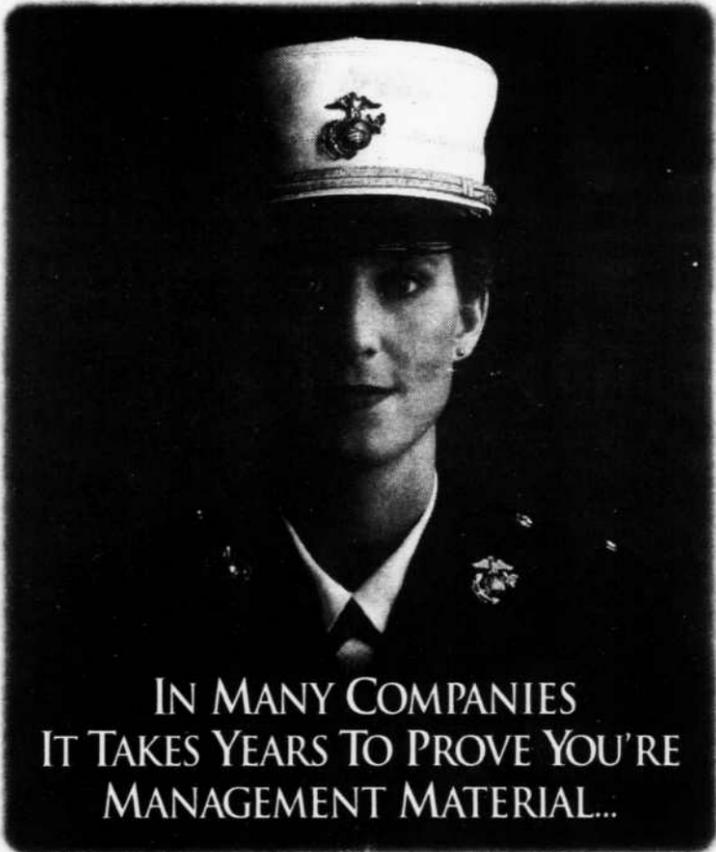
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MTSU NEWS

New drainage system to control campus flooding

RACHAEL GUESS
Staff Writer

Campus flooding will be a problem of the past upon completion of a drainage system currently being constructed as part of MTSU's \$9.49 million utilities project.

"We have decreased the flow rate of storm water leaving the campus, especially by Schardt Hall and Bell Street," said Bill Smotherman, director of MTSU's physical plant. "The drainage system has been successful in correcting major flooding, but we still have small details to finish, such as potholes and puddles in our streets."

Extensive work was done last summer to install an underground collection box between the Ned McWherter Learning Resources Center and Corlew Hall that would route water from Jones Hall, McFarland Health Services, Cummings Hall and the MTSU baseball field. Excess storm water from this collection box is then routed to a retention basin located on Rutherford Boulevard.

Another major project was the installation of a 30-inch water line to drain storm water from the collection box and the

retention basin. The line is buried between Todd Library and Jones Hall, runs to the Cope Administration Building and ends at Monohan Hall.

"The 30-inch line is small enough to control the amount of water leaving the box and basin. We send water gradually over a period of three to four days to avoid flooding the campus," Smotherman said.

The drainage system is complete in all areas except for the new library which is expected to be finished July 20.

Because of its location, the future library cannot use the underground collection box behind Corlew Hall, and a separate drainage system is being constructed to service the library and the John Bragg Mass Communication Building.

The new system will eliminate the present drainage ditches in front of the Mass Communication building.

"I haven't really noticed a big difference in the flooding on campus since the construction, but it doesn't seem like we've had as much rain this spring," said Shanna Davenport, senior nutrition major. ■

Workshop gives tips for employment

MARTHA STROUD
Staff Writer

The Placement and Student Employment Center sponsored the "Career Placement Orientation and Career Fair Tips" workshop last Thursday to prepare seniors and graduate students for their job search and the College-To-Career Fair that takes place every year in Nashville.

"Our major goal is to assist students in the process of finding career employment," said Martha Turner, director of the Placement and Student Employment Center.

To meet this goal, the Placement Office provides special annual and year-long services to students and alumni.

The Placement Center holds a Career Day every fall as well as Teacher Recruitment Week, Summer Jobs Fair and College-To-Career Fair every spring.

The Placement Office's Career Resource Library contains information on employers and current job

vacancies for the student's convenience. Many employers come to the campus to recruit students.

The staff actively helps students get part-time and summer-time jobs, as well as internships with different companies.

Periodic workshops are held for interview preparation, resume writing, and senior orientation for career placement. Resume critiques and video-tape mock interviews are also offered to help students prepare themselves for the interview.

It is important that students register with the Placement Center at least three semesters before graduation. In the '93-'94 school year, over 2,000 seniors, graduate students and alumni applied to the Placement Center for assistance. Registration entitles students to interview with prospective employers, receive monthly newsletters and recruiting calendars and refer their resumes to employers. ■

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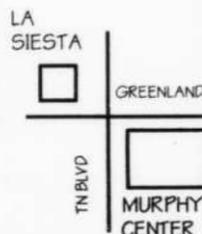
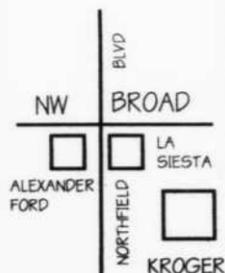
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AIDS statistics continue to rise

ISAAC DANIEL
Staff Writer

AIDS is the number one killer of women between the ages of 25-44, according to Dr. Cheryl Ellis, associate HPERS professor.

According to the U. S. Public Health Service, 74 percent of the women infected with HIV are women of color. 53 percent are African-American, 21 percent are Hispanic and .05 percent are Asian Pacific.

Studies show that women are most susceptible to the disease in a heterosexual relationship because of the high concentration of the virus in blood and semen.

"There are still more men than women carrying the disease," Ellis said.

Homosexual men are more susceptible to the disease than heterosexual men according to Ellis.

"This disease does not discriminate based on sexuality or race and color," Ellis said. "The disease is prevalent whenever risky behaviors are involved. At the rate that the heterosexual rate is rising, the heterosexual rate may

override the homosexual rate."

Ellis warns against the myths that surround the disease.

"The myth about the condom being 100 percent safe is one of them," Ellis said. "The condom is safer, but just like anything else manmade, it is able to fail."

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"Some feel that the disease is closer to other groups than it is to them, but it's important to remember that this disease does not discriminate."

-Cheryl Slaughter Ellis
HPERS professor

groups than it is to them, but it's important to remember that this disease does not discriminate," Ellis said.

"My students still ask me about the mosquito bite. Some still believe in that myth even after I explain it."

"Most people don't feel susceptible to the disease and don't want to deal with their mortality. I think we are at the tip of the iceberg," Ellis said, responding to a question about college student's attitudes to the disease.

Elise said she encourages anyone who has been involved in high risk behavior to get tested.

"We don't know how many have the virus because a lot of people involved in high risk behavior groups often don't get tested." ■

Organizations cry for student interest

VICKI HUNT
Special to Sidelines

Interest remains low in campus organizations and can be attributed to the large number of commuters and non-traditional students, according to associate dean of students Dr. Gail Stephens.

Members of a student organization enjoy several advantages. As a registered organization, there is no fee for using campus facilities. Programs are held each semester for students to build leadership skills and introduce students who share the same field of study. Many meetings are held in order to hear special speakers who reveal tips for a better career.

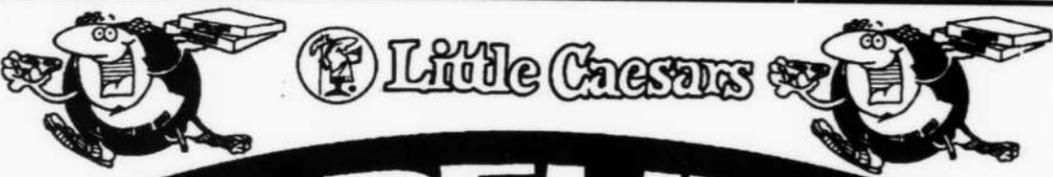
Student organizations and clubs are considered to be very important, according to Stephens.

"Students who are involved in organizations on campus are more likely to

persist toward graduation," Stephens said. "It is much easier to abandon one's education when there is no involvement in other areas."

MTSU offers many different organizations to its students. Aside from fraternities and sororities, there are organizations devoted to professional, departmental, honor and special interest pursuits. Most students get involved with organizations of their major area of study while staying above the required GPA minimum.

Organizational activities include regular meetings, banquets, conferences and tournaments. The intercollegiate sport club prepares for tournaments that are held at the end of the semester. It is an opportunity to engage students who would like to play sports without getting involved in the NCAA team sports. ■



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GREEK

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Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Alpha, Alpha Gamma Rho, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Beta Tau Pi and Kappa Sigma have demonstrated interest in establishing houses as well as the Panhellenic Council who wants to set up a house that can accommodate their corporate needs.

LaLance expects the next step is the development of the infrastructure, including utility access, streets and parking lots. After the infrastructure is complete, the university will begin building houses.

"This project is really an attempt to plow ground that has never been plowed before," LaLance said. "The closest thing would be 30

years ago in Knoxville when they established a Greek Row."

MTSU currently owns the land on Rutherford Boulevard where the housing would be established, and the Greek organizations would agree to lease the land from the university for an allotted time. MTSU will approach institutions to fund Greek housing, and the organizations would gradually pay the university back.

"The development of the houses will be a participatory process," LaLance said. "The university wouldn't just build them, and say 'here they are, now live in them' to the organizations."

LaLance believes that the earliest date for the completion of Greek Row will be four years. ■

WOMEN

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Divisions/Multiple Connections: Women, Power, and Politics.

"The two speakers had very interesting, very opposite things to say," said Dianna Williams, an English professor who presented her own paper at the conference.

"Daly's speech was focused more on the individual," Slagle said, "while Molina's speech was more community focused."

The conference committee issued a call for papers about women's issues to various women at different universities and colleges to evaluate interest in the conference. Panel members and speakers were chosen from those who responded.

Ayne Cantrell, professor of English, acted as the coordinator of the event, and

many MTSU faculty participated.

Panel sessions with the presentation of selected papers were held to give participants an opportunity

"This made it more of a participatory conference... We weren't just listening to a lecture."

-Judith Slagle

Assistant English Professor

to ask questions.

"This made it more of a participatory conference," said Slagle. "We weren't just listening to a lecture."

Pauline Young, a professor at the University of

Glamorgan in Wales, presented a paper on 'Manipulating the Margins.'

"My audience responded very well," she said, "and there was great support from my fellow panelists."

There were several speakers and participants such as Young who came from distances as far as Texas, California, and Russia.

A book exhibit was held all weekend featuring works by women, and there were also viewings of feminist films.

According to Nancy Rupprecht, the director of the women's studies program, the funding for the conference was granted by the university through the women's studies division.

Plans were made this year to hold the conference every other year following this one. ■

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their teaching.

A lack of respect for the students was also cited as a problem within the department.

Williamson said that Music Department Chairman Dr. John Bingham told her student evaluations do not weigh heavily when a faculty's teaching

performance is evaluated. Williamson said that Bingham cited student bias for or against a faculty member as a reason for devaluing student evaluations.

Bingham could not be reached for a response by press time.

The students also said that some faculty treat students with less respect than would be expected in a

university environment.

Debbie Burton, a senior instrumental music education major, said her biggest concern is for the reputation of the department after graduation. She is concerned the department will not have a good reputation.

Alderman said he came to the department because of its reputation as a good school for band director educators,

but now he's also concerned about its reputation.

Williamson said she wants to be proud of her alma mater and be able to recommend her future students to come here.

"I care so much about this department and that's why I'm saying something," Williamson said.

"We're concerned about the direction this department is going," Burton said.

The students said now is the right time for the university to see what's going on in the department since the charges of simple assault against Bingham have been filed.

Bingham was charged with simple assault last week and is scheduled to be in Rutherford County General Sessions Court March 9 at 9 a.m. ■

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National Women's History Month Women in the Curriculum

Monday, March 6
8 a.m. **When Civil War Is Waged by Women** N. Rupprecht HIST 171 PH 213
1 p.m. **When Civil War Is Waged by Women** N. Rupprecht HIST 171 PH 313

Tuesday, March 7
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Undergraduate Women's Symposium Tenn. Room of JUB

Wednesday, March 8
11 a.m. **Women in Revolution: Ireland and Russia** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Friday, March 10
9 a.m. **Female Sociologists in History** J. Eller SOC 101 PH 219

Friday, March 10
5 p.m. **Pat Head Summit, coach of UT-K women's basketball team** Murphy Center Dance Studio A

Monday, March 13
11 a.m. **Women in the USSR** N. Rupprecht HIST

429/529 PH 222
6 p.m. **Guest Speaker Tonya Jones: Women in Leadership Positions** J. Phillips GMT 674 KOM 206

Tuesday, March 14
9:25 a.m. **The Beguine Movement** J. McCash HUM 395 BDA 303B
10:50 a.m. **Adolescent Women** L. Petty SOC/SW 315 WPS 102

Wednesday, March 15
11 a.m. **Women in Britain: The Post-War Era** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Friday, March 17
11 a.m. **Film: A Room of One's Own** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Monday, March 20
6 p.m. **Guest Speaker Dean B. Haskew: Women and Leadership** MGMT 674 KOM 206

Monday, March 27
11 a.m. **Women in Post-War France** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222
3 p.m. **Literature,**

Gender, Sexuality: The Poems of Marilyn Hacker C. Gendron, N. Long ENGL 485 PH 326

Wednesday, March 29
3 p.m. **Literature, Gender, Sexuality: The Poems of Marilyn Hacker** C. Gendron, N. Long ENGL 485 PH 326

Thursday, March 30
9:25 a.m. **Margery Kempe** J. McCash HUM 395 BDA 303B
1:40 p.m. **The Women's Suffrage Movement in Tenn.** M. Hoffschwelle HIST 466 PH 204

Friday, March 31
10 a.m. **The Women's Suffrage Movement in Tenn.** M. Hoffschwelle HIST 466 PH 307
11 a.m. **The Women's Suffrage Movement in Tenn.** M. Hoffschwelle HIST 466 PH 307

Monday, April 3
11 a.m. **Women in the Third Reich** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Wednesday, April 5
11 a.m. **Socialization of Girls in the Third Reich** I N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Friday, April 7
11 a.m. **Socialization of Girls in the Third Reich II** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Monday, April 10
10 a.m. **Women's Health: Ages and Stages in Our Lives** B. Emery CDFS 439 EHS 200

Wednesday, April 12
11 a.m. **Women in WWII** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222
12 p.m. **Barbara McClintock: Nobel Laureate and Genetics** S. Barlow BIOL 100 DSB 100

Monday, April 17
11 a.m. **Women in Resistance Movements** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Tuesday, April 18
9:25 a.m. **Christine de Pizan** J. McCash HUM 395

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Wednesday, April 19
11 a.m. **Women and the Holocaust: Race and Gender** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Friday, April 21
11 a.m. **Women in the Post-War Era** N. Rupprecht HIST 429/529 PH 222

Wednesday, April 26
10 a.m. **Immortal Sisters: The Secrets of Taoist Women** R. Bombardi PHIL 311 JUB 204

Friday, April 28
9 a.m. **Melissa Etheridge as Poet** B. Klemt ENGL 223 PH 322
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Zima's sweet flavor feared to encourage underage drinking

GOLDEN, Colo. (CPS)—It looks like sparkling bottled water, is as sweet as a soda, and packs the punch of a beer.

But despite the slogan "Unique Alcohol Beverage" printed on each label of Zima, some law enforcement officials and parents are complaining that underage drinkers often don't know they're drinking alcohol until it's too late.

"Zima is so sweet, so different from beer, that some teens might think it's like Seven-Up or Sprite and keep drinking it with no real concerns about how drunk they might end up," says Kae McGuire, associate director of the Trauma Foundation of San Francisco General Hospital. "They drink it and drink it, and all of a sudden it hits them. There could be some serious problems."

In an effort to answer critics who say the corporation is promoting teen drinking and drunk driving, Coors Brewing Company is sending out letters strongly denying that Zima, the colorless alcoholic beverage, is being targeted for young drinkers.

Since Zima became widely available last year, parents, school advisers and law enforcement officials from more than 12 states have contacted Coors expressing concern over the drink's content, fearing that the taste has attracted teens who would otherwise not be interested in drinking alcohol.

Callers also complained that the drink cannot be detected by police Breathalyzer tests. (False. It can.)

Coors officials, however, say that it's naive to blame underage drinking on any one consumer product.

"There have been rum

and Cokes around forever, and wine coolers have been around for a while, too," says Bart Alexander, spokesperson for Coors. "Are these drinks responsible for underage drinking?"

Brandy Anderson, spokesperson for Mothers Against Drunk Driving, says that the group has heard complaints about the Coors beverage but hasn't formulated a position on the issue yet.

"We want to take a broad look at the marketing practices of beer and liquor

"We feel very strongly about underage drinkers, and we want to make sure that alcohol isn't being targeted in any way to youths."

**- Brandy Anderson
spokesperson for
MADD**

companies in general," says Anderson, adding that the group is forming a national committee to study the alcohol marketing and should have an opinion by May. "We feel very strongly about underage drinkers, and we want to make sure that alcohol isn't being targeted in any way to youths."

Alexander says that Coors created Zima to appeal to adult drinkers and has marketed the drink accordingly.

"We've stated all along that Zima is an alcoholic beverage," he says, adding

that Coors is involved with programs designed to combat underage drinking on college campuses across the nation.

"Our initial television commercials took place in bars. We were appealing to a market by showing where the beverage would be consumed, and since you have to be 21 to get served alcohol, we felt the advertising campaign stated the obvious."

Alexander says some of the complaints he's heard about the drink are contradictory. "People say kids are getting drunk on Zima because they don't know it contains alcohol," he says. "Then they say kids drink Zima to get drunk because they think it tastes better than other alcoholic drinks. It can't be both ways."

Although Coors has heard numerous concerns about the inability to detect Zima on Breathalyzer tests, officials say that the rumor began shortly after the beverage was introduced and has "absolutely no foundation in fact."

According to a spokesperson for the Chicago Police Department, Breathalyzer tests measure the level of ethanol on a person's breath. Since ethanol is an ingredient in Zima, as in all other alcoholic products, the drink would register on any Breathalyzer. "Zima has the same alcoholic content as premium beers," says Jon Goldman, a company representative. "The Breathalyzer rumors are not even an issue. They're simply untrue."

Goldman says that Zima is brewed like beer before the beer color and taste are filtered out. Natural flavors are then added, which give the drink its unique flavor. ■

Westminster College guarantees students to graduate in four years

FULTON, Mo. (CPS)—Westminster College is offering students an unusual guarantee: If they don't graduate in four years, classes after that are free.

But to discourage students from dallying, there is a catch. Students must meet some basic requirements, such as taking a full load of classes and pulling in C's in their courses, says Jim Muensch, director of media relations at Westminster College.

"As long as students follow the guidelines, which are to take 16 hours a semester, get C's in their classes and decide upon a

major in their sophomore year, we guarantee they'll graduate in four years or extra classes are free," says Muensch.

Administrators at the 700-student college came up with the idea after hearing that many students, especially those at public universities, couldn't enroll in the classes they needed to graduate.

"Our president has a daughter in college at another school," says Muensch. "This year, she told him that is she couldn't get into a section of a class she needed for her major, she wouldn't graduate on time.

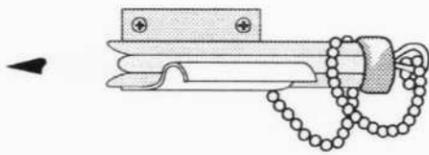
This shocked him."

Next year's freshman will be the first eligible for the offer.

"Parents and students are understandably concerned about the financial burden they will assume should graduation be postponed one or even two years, not to mention the costs associated with delayed entry into the job market," says Westminster College President James Traer. "Westminster's guarantee of providing access to all required courses within the four-year period will eliminate those concerns." ■

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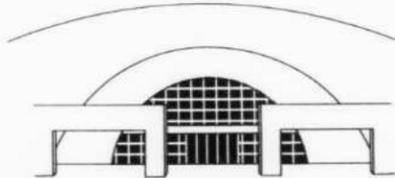
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Heavy Russian artillery result in Chechnyan mass graves

SHALI, Russia (AP) — Using the same tactic that pushed rebel fighters out of Grozny, Russian forces pounded southern Chechnya on Sunday with heavy artillery and rockets.

Also Sunday, a newspaper reported the discovery of two open mass graves in the capital of the breakaway republic. The Observer of London said the graves contained the bodies of more than 100 Chechens, most of them civilians, including women and children.

Bodies of the newly dead lay among a far larger number of decomposing corpses in open trenches between Grozny's central graveyard and a main road, the newspaper said. Some were clearly victims of exploding shells while others looked relatively unscathed.

There was no suggestion that the victims had died in a mass killing, rather the graves were an indication of lack of burial space in the devastated Chechen capital.

Survivors of the two-month Russian bombardment of Grozny visit the site in search of missing relatives, the newspaper said.

With the Russians tightening their ring around separatist strongholds, an

aide to Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev struck a conciliatory note, offering to resume peace talks.

Military aide Musa Merzhuyev suggested that instead of disarming, Chechen rebels could join the Russian army — a far-fetched proposal unlikely to even be considered by either side.

Meanwhile, about 200 Russian armored vehicles backed by up to 50 tanks surrounded the last Chechen stronghold in southwestern Grozny, rebel fighters told the Interfax news agency.

The Russian government press service also reported a Russian attack on Gudermes and fierce fighting around Argun, two rebel towns east of Grozny.

At the central market in Shali, the new base of forces loyal to Dudayev, vendors traded fruit, chocolate and other goods as shells and rockets shook the ground every few minutes. Fighters lounged in the streets of the city, about 15 miles southeast of Grozny.

A Chechen commander at the new Department for State Security, who would only give his name as Alevi, said his men were holding back Russian forces along the highway north of Shali.

"They will stand there for another year. They will not move forward," said Alevi, sporting a vest stuffed full of hand grenades and ammunition clips.

A Russian plane dropped a bomb on Shali on Saturday, killing at least one family.

Ruslan Dukayev, 12, lay asleep in a Shali hospital bed, recovering from shrapnel wounds suffered in the blast. His neighbor Emedi Isayev, 37, whose own son was injured in the attack, said Ruslan had run into the street to look at the plane.

"He said he didn't think they'd shoot at children," said Isayev.

The bomb hit Ruslan's home, killing the rest of his family.

On the road to the neighboring village of Stary Atagy, empty save for the occasional speeding car or truck, shells exploded 500 yards away as Russian gunners targeted an old factory works.

Russia sent its troops into Chechnya on Dec. 11 to crush an independence bid in the Caucasus Mountains republic. Thousands of troops and civilians are believed to have been killed. ■

Foster caught in controversy over Tuskegee experiments

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — President Clinton's surgeon general nominee said Sunday he was furious in 1972 when he learned poor black men had been part of syphilis experiments in Alabama and demanded treatment for them.

Critics raised questions about Dr. Henry Foster's connection with a federal study in which black men with syphilis were left untreated.

The conservative Family Research Council said a book on the study, known as the Tuskegee Project, reported that Foster had served on a 10-member local medical board that was briefed on the project in 1969 by the Public Health Service.

Foster defended himself during morning services at First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill.

"I was president of the Macon County Medical Society in 1972. When I learned the federal government was conducting experiments on poor black men — without their knowledge and without providing treatment — I was furious," Foster read in a statement to church members.

"I called the medical society together for the purpose of trying to identify the men from whom treatment had been withheld. We demanded that

"When I learned the federal government was conducting experiments on poor black men — without their knowledge and without providing treatment — I was furious."

-Dr. Henry Foster

immediate treatment be carried out for these men.

"But these radical groups would like you to believe something different — something other than the truth."

The Public Health Service

conducted the Tuskegee Project from 1932 to 1972.

The White House released a statement by Broadus M. Butler, who headed a government commission that investigated the experiment, in which he said it was clear that "this was a federal government study from start to finish, with no input or participation from local Tuskegee doctors."

Foster told his home town congregation he left Seattle, Wash., where he had been stationed with the Air Force, to serve poor blacks during the 1960s in the rural South.

"I was working night and day, as a young doctor, to improve the health care of the women and children who came to me. Why would I have turned my back on the very people I had come to serve? What would I have gained?" Foster said.

"And how dare these groups accuse me. I was serving the people of Tuskegee. What were they doing? Who were they serving?"

Foster called on his church members to help fight "the latest attack from the right wing extremists that are using my nomination to achieve their radical goals." ■

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Harris Poll confirms obesity epidemic in America

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans keep putting on the pounds, according to a new survey that says nearly three in four are overweight.

The Harris Poll released Monday found that 71 percent of Americans age 25 and older are overweight, based on a national survey of 1,250 adults.

That suggests a steady climb: Harris polls found 58 percent of Americans were overweight in 1983, 64 percent in 1990 and 69 percent last year.

"It doesn't surprise me," Dr. JoAnn E. Manson, an endocrinologist at the Harvard School of Medicine, said Sunday. "Obesity is an alarming epidemic."

Other studies have found

that the average American has gained eight pounds in the past decade, and that 60 percent of Americans can be classified as sedentary, she said.

"Everything is automated and very convenient and it's possible to spend very little energy in a typical day unless you go out of your way to exercise," Manson said.

The new survey asked people to give their height without shoes and weight

without clothing and to describe their body frame or bone structure. Louis Harris and Associates Inc. compared that information to Metropolitan Life insurance

isn't considered obese unless his or her weight is at least 20 percent higher than the recommended range.

Being overweight is linked to a host of debilitating

health problems, including heart disease, stroke and some cancers.

According to the survey — and based on the Metropolitan Life

recommended weight ranges — 10 percent of Americans are at least 30 percent overweight and another 12 percent are between 20 percent and 30

percent overweight.

The Harris Poll concluded that 79 percent of American men and 64 percent of American women are overweight.

For the most part, the proportion of overweight people increased with age, from 55 percent of those ages 25-29 up to 82 percent of those ages 50-64. The proportion was 70 percent for people 65 and older.

The poll's overall margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

The poll was conducted by telephone Feb. 6-9. Results were weighted by age, sex and other variables according to actual proportions in the population. ■

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Endocrinologist

tables for recommended weight ranges.

Doctors distinguish between overweight and obesity — a person generally

Memphis earns reaccreditation

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — University of Memphis has been reaccredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, but several concerns were noted.

The association's Commission on Colleges said the University should address overuse of part-time teachers, critical equipment shortages in some departments and a need for

more books in the new library.

The university was notified of the findings in a recent letter and is expected to submit follow-up reports on 16 recommendations by Oct. 6.

The association praised the psychology and journalism departments and said some programs have brought national recognition.

"I think anyone reading it needs to understand that by industry standards we got a glowing report," University President V. Lane Rawlins said.

Dr. Sidney McPhee, vice provost for academic affairs, said several recommendations have already been addressed and the others will be. ■

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Republicans tackle America's health care crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans, still boasting about scuttling President Clinton's convoluted health reforms last year, now face a more formidable task: trying to cobble together their own insurance remedies without doing more harm than good.

"Right now, health care is not very bright on anybody's radar screen," said Sen. William Bennett, R-Utah, the new head of a GOP Senate task force on health. But, he said, "this issue will be back center stage. We're going to have to deal with it."

Several GOP lawmakers have introduced bills to help small businesses pool together and buy insurance on better terms, and to help

individuals with medical problems get coverage.

Although health reform was conspicuously absent from the GOP's "Contract With America," both Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole have called for a hard look at the \$162 billion Medicare program.

Dole has said the Republicans may seek \$146 billion in savings from Medicare over five years and half that much from Medicaid. Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., the Finance Committee chairman, spoke of saving up to \$400 billion over seven years.

Democrats, on the defensive

last year over Clinton's plan to mandate health insurance for all, are now raising alarms about GOP plans to tap Medicare and Medicaid to pay for tax cuts and deficit reduction.

A year ago, the White House had its own designs on Medicare. It was seeking big savings to help cover the uninsured and, eventually, bring down the deficit.

"I bit off more than I could chew," Clinton acknowledged Friday.

"I think I made a mistake, but I think (the Republicans) did, too" in killing any reforms, the president said. Now, both parties should "figure out a way to help Americans get more

affordable health care and to solve this problem. And if we do it in the right way, we will continue to substantially lower the cost of Medicare and Medicaid."

The Republicans are framing the debate now and talking about moving Medicare, one of the last bastions of fee-for-service medicine, more rapidly into the managed care arena.

Most working Americans have become accustomed to paying more if they want unrestricted choice of doctors — or less if they join a health maintenance organization or accept other restrictions.

Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., the chairman of the Ways and Means health

subcommittee, calls Medicare a dinosaur that must change or go bankrupt after the turn of the century.

Thomas has offered a bare-bones insurance reform bill that would require insurers to accept every small employer in their market and limit exclusions for pre-existing conditions to six to 12 months.

The House already has voted to restore the 25 percent health premium deduction for the self-employed, and the Ways and Means Committee opted to expand Medicare Select, a managed-care option for seniors. ■

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Rwanda Governor killed in ambush

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The governor of Rwanda's southern province of Butare was assassinated in an ambush, the prime minister said Sunday.

Pierre-Claver Rwangabo was shot Saturday night near the town of Butare, the provincial capital near the border with Burundi, Prime Minister Faustin Twagiramungu said by telephone from Rwanda's capital, Kigali.

Rwangabo's son and driver also were killed, Rwandan radio reported.

The prime minister said the killing of Rwangabo, a moderate Hutu, is believed to have been carried out by soldiers of the defeated Hutu-led government who have sought refuge in Zaire. An estimated 30,000 former soldiers and 10,000 allied militiamen are among some 1 million Rwandan refugees in the camps.

But a U.S. human rights group official said extremist Tutsis were more likely suspects. They had accused the governor of being too soft on Hutus accused in the massacres of a estimated 500,000 people, mostly Tutsis, from April to June last year.

After defeating the Hutu-led government last year, Tutsi-led rebels formed a government that includes moderate Hutus, such as Twagiramungu and Rwangabo.

Rwandan radio said the governor was returning home from Kigali when the assailants stopped his car by blocking the road with a tree. More than five gunmen in civilian clothes opened fire.

The broadcast, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp., said his driver and son also were killed in the ambush, and Rwangabo's bodyguard, who returned fire, was seriously wounded. ■

THE NATION & WORLD

Brazilian policemen face murder charge for holding, killing unarmed robbery suspect

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Twelve police officers faced murder charges Sunday after a TV station broadcast film of a disarmed robbery suspect being shot in the back three times as police held him to the ground.

One officer was charged with the fatal shooting Saturday, and the other 11 as accomplices, police said.

The shooting at a busy shopping mall was the talk of Rio and the rest of Brazil after it was broadcast to tens of millions of viewers by the Globo television network.

The network showed one police officer, aware of the television camera and dozens of spectators,

shooting the suspect three times in the back as he lay prone on the ground, held down by other officers.

Three armed bandits tried to rob an armored car as it was collecting money from shops in the Rio Sul shopping center on Rio's trendy South Side, police and news accounts said.

Police arrived in mid-robbery and shot the driver of the getaway van.

The TV crew, at the shopping center covering another story, filmed the brief shootout and the arrest of the second suspect.

Television viewers saw police throw the man to the ground and drag him by the shirt to the side of

the getaway van. One officer shot the suspect three times with the man's own revolver.

Gov. Marcello Alencar watched film of the shooting with army Gen. Euclimar da Silva, state security secretary, and promised justice.

"State police agents are generally of a very humble, poor background and even though they were trained, gunfire took their cool away. The police acted to suppress a robbery, but I lament the excesses involved," Alencar said.

State police have been criticized recently for corruption and ineffectiveness. But Saturday's shooting has divided the people of

Rio.

Some, like taxi driver Eduardo Pisa, think "the police did what they had to do. We now have one less bandit in our midst."

But for many of Rio's residents, the gruesome killing was a reminder that the city is still dangerous after soldiers were sent last year to help police fight skyrocketing crime in the seaside metropolis.

"I just can't admit that this kind of violence can take place at one of the city's fanciest shopping centers, less than a mile away from Copacaban beach," said Lucelia Jaguaribe, a shopper visiting from Sao Paulo. ■

Hands are not for hitting: Denise Brown

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — In a tearful speech promoting a charity named after her slain sister, Denise Brown said Saturday that children must be taught that hands are not for hitting if they are to become adults who shun domestic violence.

Brown said that lesson has been heart-breaking for the two young children and family of her sister, Nicole Brown Simpson.

But she said they hope to "survive this terror that we're going through" by

staying active in the Nicole Brown Simpson Foundation, dedicated to helping abuse victims.

"We are the voice that has to be raised, so it can be heard among the screams and the curses," she told the crowd of about 300 at the Women for Women conference, her voice breaking. And, she said, "The education must start with the children."

The luncheon conference was organized by women's groups in the area.

Brown has testified she believes O.J. Simpson killed his ex-wife after years of beating and stalking her.

At a news conference after the luncheon, she refused to talk about Simpson's trial, but said she and others close to Mrs. Simpson should have recognized signs of domestic violence in her life.

"I would hear the sudden outbursts," she said. "Sometimes I saw the bruises."

The foundation has raised about \$200,000 so far, and

has donated money to a Laguna Beach, Calif., women's shelter where Denise Brown sought comfort and counseling after the June 12 murders of her sister and her sister's friend Ronald Goldman.

"I think Nicole would be happy knowing what we're doing here today," she told the conference crowd. "She has focused the whole world's attention on domestic violence." ■

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Viewing Rooms, COLD CUTS and Funeral Blues

BRENT ANDREWS
Features Editor

I hate funerals. I hate the smell of them I hate the sounds coming from the "viewing" room, the bits of conversation I catch when I walk by some relative of the deceased. I hate just being there.

The last funeral I went to was my grandmother's. It was strange—all these people were sitting around talking like nothing ever happened, talking about the weather and their jobs and what they were going to do on Sunday. While all the time, not 10 feet away, my grandmother was stretched out on ice, growing more rigid by the moment, dressed in her nicest clothes and smiling like she was about to go get a sundae at Dairy Queen and not about to be covered with 6 feet of prime topsoil. I wouldn't have known she was smiling if I had been able to decide for myself whether or not I was going to go look at her. I almost never do that. But this time it seemed like every relative I had was urging me to go and have a look. They were telling me things like "she looks so pretty," and "she just bought that dress last Saturday, isn't it nice?" and all the time telling me I just *had* to go and see her.

The dress was nice. It had big flowers on it, all colors, kind of gaudy but fine wearing material for a grandmother. But I couldn't help but wonder if she thought she would look good in it even if she were dead. Like she was standing in front of the dressing-room mirror and thinking *wow, this dress makes me look eighty again. I bet this would make a nice thing to wear to my funeral.* Probably not. She was probably thinking that the dress might not be worth the money, that it would probably wear out in a year and she would have wasted good money on it. It probably never crossed her mind that it would look best on her after she died. Or that she would have to wear it forever. Surely she would have picked a more subtle

pattern had she known.

But I still wouldn't have seen the dress if I hadn't felt so much family pressure. I felt like it would be an insult not to go and look at her, to get that creepy feeling you get when you're standing in front of a relative's coffin and thinking *this person is really dead, the big chill has come and there's no going back. I will never see this person again, never try to comprehend what she is saying, never nod "yes" when I don't understand and see that puzzled look in her face and feel bad for nodding "yes" when I should have given some other response. This person is DEAD.*

I stood there in front of the coffin and smelled her perfume one last time—a sweet, tickling smell that I remember from childhood. I resisted the insane urge to touch her—to feel her skin, see if she was as cold as she looked—by concentrating on the smell in the room. It was her perfume all right, and never again would she stand in front of a mirror and look at herself and spray her neck with it. Or maybe it was the flowers crowding around on all sides; I don't know. It smelled like a funeral parlor, like death, like too much kindness trying to cover up a lifetime of wrongdoing in one vast display of telephone sincerity. I looked at some of the cards that were attached to the flowers, and wondered how many were written by some bored florist sitting in a flower shop somewhere hoping for at least 1 or 2 more deaths this week.

"And what would you like the card to say?" The florist asks.

"Oh, I don't know. You make something up. I was never good with words."

It happens all the time, just like that. It might even happen to you.

When I left the viewing room I wandered around a bit, moving into the kitchen of the parlor where the food and ashtrays were. There's always food at funerals, it seems, like the people who are still alive are eating just to prove that they can still



CARL E. LAMBERT/Staff

Jill Byron, sleeping comfortably next to other George Strait fans, waiting to purchase her ticket. Strait will be in concert on April 7 in Murphy Center. Tickets can be purchased at Murphy Center and Ticketmaster outlets.

Stand in a Strait line, and you might get tickets to see George



CARL E. LAMBERT/Staff

Barb Pollan, who drove from Mississippi, showing off her scrap book from other George Strait concerts

JASON YOUNG
Staff Writer

I have never been to a country music show, but it would have to be pretty darn exciting to beat the entertainment value I experienced while paying a visit to the line of George Strait fans. These fans were waiting for a chance to see their favorite country music performer when he pays a visit to MTSU.

One side of Murphy Center had been transformed from a concrete slab into a make shift village for those obsessed with George. "We drove 300 miles just to get tickets," said Barb Pollan from Oxford, Mississippi.

Barb Pollan and her friend Robbie Mullins did not have the record for longest distance traveled: That award goes to Beverly Jenkins and Dee McWilliams. These two George Strait fans drove here all the way from Illinois. They drove eight hours, got here at 3 a.m. Saturday Morning, will get tickets at 10 a.m. today, and then drive back home. "We like to see him in Murfreesboro because that was the first time we saw him."

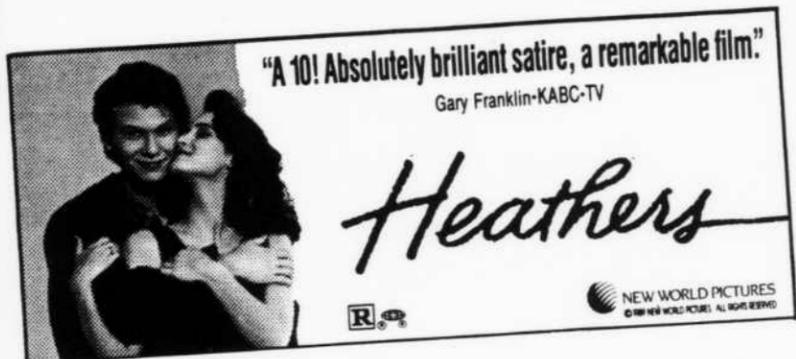
Not all of the 56 people in line were from out of state. MTSU student Zannie Jenkins was one of the people who was more than happy to wait for George.

"Camping out is fun," said Jenkins, "It makes (the concert) worth it when you camp out for three days."

It is hard to imagine this crew of tired and worn out George Strait fans ever having enough energy to attend the actual show, but they will. These people will undoubtedly be the ones who go home with sore throats after the show. To all of those people out there who waited in line for George Strait tickets, you are completely sane. The crazy people are the ones who wind up paying \$100 a ticket from scalpers. People may laugh at you now, but just remember who gets the last laugh. ■

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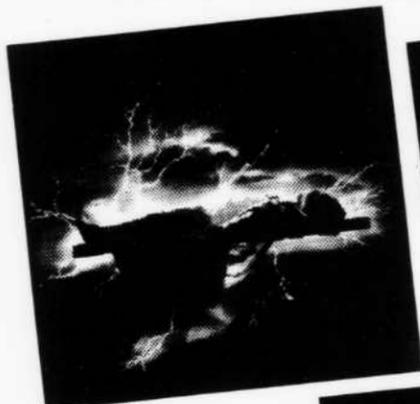
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will be the last to go, you never know. As for me, I can never bring myself to eat at funerals. Maybe drink a cup of coffee, maybe smoke a pack of cigarettes, but don't offer me any food.

Especially cold cuts. Cold cuts have to be the grossest thing people eat at funerals. Like I need to be eating cold meat 2 minutes after I see my grandmother or some other dead person laid out in the viewing room getting cold. No thanks. Makes me wonder why food at funeral parlors is so cheap.

Food? Sure, we'll supply the food, no extra charge. Plenty of cold cuts at Roselawn—even throw in some bread and coffee to go along with it. Plenty of meat here. Just drop the corpse off around 1 so we can start cooking...uh, preparing it.

And no one ever suspects a thing. I really don't have anything against funeral parlors. They're always really nice inside—cool in the summer, warm in the winter, and three times nicer than any house the deceased ever lived in. Everyone likes to go out in style, I guess. It's just that the places give me the willies, and every time I go to one I smell that smell and wonder if it will smell like that at my funeral, and I'm sure it will. And there's always that room you can't go in, the one in the back. You have to wonder what's in there. If all these people are standing around like they're at a church social while a corpse lies still and motionless at one end of the room and they can't see what's in that locked room I don't want to know what's in there. It must be really bad, or really gross. I used to try

the handles on those doors just in case someone forgot to lock them, but they were always locked, and I guess I was glad. I didn't really want to know what was in there. I don't try the handles anymore.

I guess my grandmother's funeral was my fifth or sixth one. You'd think I could get used to funerals after that many. But I know people who have been to lots more than that, and they still hate them. One guy I know had to go to 4 funerals in one year, and he doesn't even like to talk about them.

Somebody has to like them though. I know this because there's always that man in the back row that nobody knows, the Mystery Man. He's been to every funeral I've ever been to, and probably to some you have been to as well. You know the guy—he sits there on the last bench in his funeral suit

looking somber and reflective, and nobody has the slightest idea who he is. Nobody asks his name, though. Everyone just thinks he is with someone else or maybe he was an obscure friend of the dead person. Or maybe they think he's a relative with a new haircut, and are afraid to ask his name because they don't want to be embarrassed when he's really Uncle Fred and they didn't recognize him.

But I know. He's the Mystery Man, and he just loves funerals. But I don't. I could go the rest of my life and not go to another funeral and be very happy. I don't need that atmosphere to remind me that I'm alive. But I'm sure I'll have to go to one sooner or later so I will—I'll tough it out, pay my respects to the deceased, do the pall bearer thing if I have to. Who

knows, if it's someone I really love maybe I'll be the one saying "doesn't she look pretty?" Or "don't you just love the way the undertaker did her hair?"

I still want to know one thing before I start getting cold—can I just be toasted in an oven and spread over someone's lawn along with their Gro-Right fertilizer? Because I don't want to be laid out on ice for the World to see. I don't want people to say that I look better than ever and that they half-expect me to start cracking jokes and laughing. I don't want to be forced to smile like I'm on my way to Dairy Queen instead of my funeral plot. I don't want my eyes sewn shut.

Would someone please promise me this, and put my fears to rest? It really has been bothering me for a long time. ■

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R.E.M. drummer recovering from brain surgery

World tour on hold until founding member recovers

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — R.E.M. drummer Bill Berry is recovering well from surgery to stem bleeding in his brain, but the band's lawyer said Saturday a world tour is on hold.

"All we are concerned about right now is getting him well again," Bertis Downs told The Associated Press.

Berry, 36, co-founder of the Atlanta rock group, collapsed Wednesday during a concert at Lausanne.

He underwent surgery Friday to repair two

aneurysms, one of which had ruptured. Surgeons at the University Hospital Center of Vaud in Lausanne said the operation was a success.

The American leg of the tour to promote the band's new album, "Monster," was to begin in May. R.E.M.'s March dates included Paris, Berlin and Helsinki. During April, the group was to tour Scandinavia and Britain.

"The band is keeping very closely in touch and obviously everyone is concerned for him. We have no idea how long he will have to stay in hospital," Downs said.

Berry, a former pre-law student at the University of Georgia, reportedly grabbed his head in pain and was taken off stage after 90 minutes of the Lausanne concert. ■

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Elvis played here

Historic Memphis Amphitheatre "The Shell" may be on its way to destruction

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The concert handbills listed the young singer as Ellis Presley. And until he took the stage, most of the folks at the country and western show probably could have cared less since they didn't know who he was anyway.

Afterwards, though, they got his name right. It was Elvis.

That was in 1954 and the 19-year-old who would become the king of rock 'n' roll was making his first appearance on a big-time stage, or what was considered big time then.

The show, headlining country singer Slim Whitman, was at The Memphis Shell, an amphitheater in Overton Park in midtown Memphis.

Built by the Works Progress Administration in

1936, The Shell was for years an integral part of the city's entertainment life, especially in the early days of TV and home air conditioning.

Two-dozen or so small shows are still held there each year, but The Shell is facing a decidedly bleak future.

A group of private citizens who saved it from the bulldozers 10 years ago says it's run out of money, and is running low on energy as well.

"I'm afraid that very soon The Shell is going to be like the old Stax (recording) studio. It'll be just a memory in a picture book," said Don Able, a board of directors member with Save Our Shell Inc.

For Elvis fans, The Shell is best known as the place Presley first got a taste of his effect on a live audience. But for thousands of Memphis residents — Presley fans or not — memories of The Shell cover a much wider field.

"This place, historically, is as important as any place in the city," Able said.

Over the years, The Shell

has seen symphony performances, light opera, stage plays and concerts featuring just about every kind of popular music. It has hosted entertainers as diverse as Beverly Sills, Benny Goodman, B.B. King and Deep Purple.

And it has always been a place popular with families, where parents and children alike could enjoy an evening of music under the stars.

But also over the years, the amphitheater has suffered from physical neglect, and the city says it has little or no money to spend on it these days.

City officials were talking about tearing The Shell down in 1984 to make way for a parking lot for a nearby art museum.

But private residents convinced the city that wasn't such a good idea and volunteers went to work as best they could to fix up the amphitheater as well as its dressing rooms and back stage areas.

Most of the volunteers were residents of midtown Memphis and many were

carpenters, painters or others in the building trades.

"Everybody who had a little paint left over from a job would bring that. Everybody who had a little lumber left over would bring that," Able said. "Musicians would show up to serenade us while we worked. Everybody just did what they could."

That corps of volunteers soon formed Save Our Shell, and in 1986, the nonprofit group took over management of the theater. The group now organizes 25 to 40 concerts or shows a year between April and October.

But the whole operation is run on a shoestring with financing primarily from admission fees and private donations. Musicians often perform for free, just so they can say they played The Shell.

David Leonard, also a board member of Save Our Shell, said the group is now at a crossroads and in bad need of financial and maintenance help from the city.

"I think the city doesn't

have the vision to know how to utilize its cultural assets," Leonard said. "It took them years to understand what Beale Street was."

But Memphis parks director Bob Brame said the city has no plans for renovating The Shell or getting involved in staging shows there.

"We're really struggling to take care of those things that are on our priority list," Brame said. "There are limited dollars and an endless number of requests."

Leonard said Save Our Shell is now trying to get more citizens, and maybe corporate sponsors, involved in the theater and in pressuring the city to do more, too.

"Maybe we can convince the government to help, but without community support they'll forget about it," he said. "The people are going to have to make it happen, just like 10 years ago when we temporarily saved The Shell from destruction." ■

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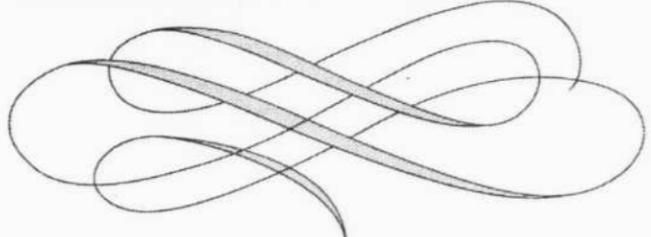
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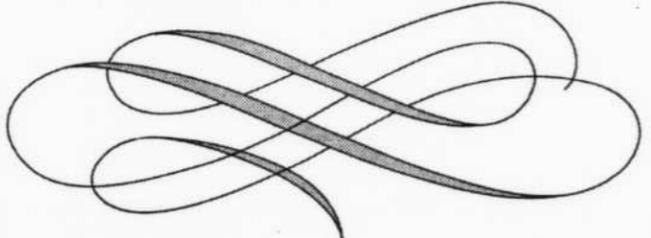
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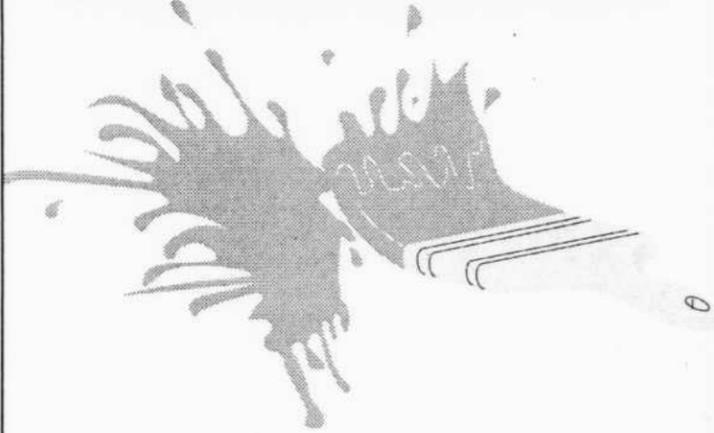
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BAD NEWS

Deaf man's eyes gouged with bottle

Man loses one eye
after sign language
mistaken for gang
signs, rude gesture

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A deaf man's attackers gouged his eyes with a broken bottle after apparently mistaking his sign language for gang signs or obscene gestures, police said.

Latell Chaney, 20, lost eyesight in one eye. Doctors

said they don't know if his other eye can be saved.

Police charged two men with second-degree assault in the attack and were still looking Saturday for three other suspects.

The five saw Chaney at a bus stop last Sunday night. They stopped their car and said something to him, Police Sgt. Robert Tichich said.

"They didn't know each other," Tichich said. "Even one of the arrested suspects said that. But the other guys apparently misinterpreted what was going on. They

didn't know he was deaf. They probably took his gestures for gang signs or something."

Chaney eluded them and got on a bus. The men drove ahead to another bus stop, paid their fares and boarded the bus, Tichich said.

One of the assailants broke a beer bottle over Chaney's head, then gouged his eyes with the jagged edge, he said. ■

New Orleans cop robs restaurant, kills fellow officer, brother and sister workers

In '95, The Big
Easy may top last
year's homicide
record of 389

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — In a city already beset by murder and police corruption, a police officer on Saturday held up a restaurant where she moonlighted as a guard, killing a fellow officer and two workers, authorities said.

Officer Annette Frank was arrested along with Roger Lacaze, 18, who helped in the robbery, said police Superintendent Richard Pennington.

Frank, 23, left the Kim

Anh restaurant after the shootings and returned later under the guise of bringing help, Detective Sgt. Eddie Rantz said. Restaurant workers were able to identify her when she returned. She later confessed, Rantz said.

The victims were identified as Officer Ronald Williams, 25, who also moonlighted as a guard at the restaurant; Cuong Vu, 18; and his sister Ha Vu, 24.

The murders come as the city faces a wave of homicides: 11 dead in four days and 79 so far in 1995. At that pace, the city would exceed last year's record of 420 murders. Its previous record of 389 killings was set in 1993.

The police department has also been plagued for years by corruption charges.

An undercover FBI investigation exposed several officers in a drug ring in December.

"We're going to continue to clean the police department of corrupt officers," Pennington said.

Frank and Lacaze showed up shortly before 2 a.m., as the restaurant was closing, police said. Williams was shot first, then the Vus. Other employees got out and called police.

Frank gave several conflicting statements but eventually confessed, Rantz said.

"I was left somewhat speechless," Mayor Marc Morial said. "I am more committed than ever to rid this city of crime and rid this department of corruption." ■

Woman found dead at National Zoo may have been partially eaten by lions

WASHINGTON (AP) — A partially devoured woman's body was found early Saturday in the outdoor lion enclosure at the National Zoo. A zoo official said two lions were in the enclosure at the time.

Police Department spokesman Sergeant Joe Gentile said the cause of the woman's death had not been established. She was not

immediately identified.

A zookeeper going to feed the lions discovered the body at about 7 a.m. He coaxed the animals back into the lion house and called police.

A spokesman for the zoo, Marc Bretzfelder, said the dead woman was not a zoo employee.

"She somehow got past a railing, a four-foot barrier, three warning signs, and dropped into a water-filled

moat in the lion exhibit," the zoo said in a statement.

"The National Zoo is very concerned about the safety of its visitors," the statement added. "This incident will be studied very carefully."

The house was roped off for a time while police investigated the matter. The zoo, which is part of the Smithsonian Institution, remained open. ■

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Like it or not, bongos have to go

Supreme Court ruling makes it illegal to sell paraphernalia

MARCO BUSCAGLIA
College Press Service

You remember seeing that small collection of bongos at your CD store, don't you? Right there in that glass case between the cash register and the rack holding the latest issues of "Spin."

Today, though, that shelf space is probably filled with something else, after a little-publicized ruling by the Supreme Court outlawed the sale of drug paraphernalia as of Jan. 1.

The court ruled last May that the Controlled Substance Act of 1986 included "any equipment, product, or material of any kind which is primarily intended or designed for use in manufacturing, compounding, converting, concealing, producing, processing, preparing, injecting,

ingesting, inhaling or otherwise introducing into the human body a controlled substance."

The ruling stemmed from a 1990 case involving a police bust at Posters 'N Things in Iowa. Owner Lane Christine Acty and her husband George Michael Moore were arrested after police confiscated pipes, bongos, roach clips and other drug paraphernalia. Acty was sentenced to 108 months in prison and given a \$150,000 fine by a district court. That decision had been maintained by a U.S. Court of Appeals before it was unanimously upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Before the ruling, stores across the nation, especially those near college campuses, sold roach clips, water pipes, bongos and packets of rolling paper to customers every day. And despite the plainly marked sign stating that the enclosed materials were "For Tobacco Use Only," few really believed customers were going to take their bongos home and smoke tobacco.

"I thought this was America where people had the right to do whatever they wanted in private," says

Ralph, a used-CD store owner in Normal, Ill., who was forced to clear his shelves of his roach clips and water pipes by Jan. 1 of this year, the federally imposed deadline. "I don't give a s... what people do with their stuff when they're sitting alone in their rooms. I wonder if the cops are going to start breaking down people's doors and looking under their bed next."

Ralph, who wished to go by his first name only, says that he sold items to students and professors from Illinois State University on a regular basis. "I should have been selling guns this whole time," he says. "The feds don't seem to have any problems with people selling guns."

Ralph says he knows head-shop owners in other college towns who "have a somewhat reasonable police force—not like here," and even they have cleared their shelves.

"Why take the chance?" he says.

While many store owners were upset when they learned about the ruling, most could see the writing on the wall. "You knew it was just a matter of time," says

Bill McMahon, who owns We-B-Joys, a kind of '60s culture shop carrying tie-dye T-shirts and Grateful Dead merchandise in Oakland Park, Fla. "Once the Supreme Court makes a decision, it's not like they're going to change it."

McMahon cleared out his merchandise with a final clearance sale. "A lot of our regular customers came in," he says. "It was kind of sad."

Like McMahon, a lot of store owners worried about the local police moving in and decided to get rid of their merchandise almost immediately after learning about the ruling. But just as the word of paraphernalia ban has been slow to get out to the general public, it also is slow in reaching police departments as well.

"We haven't really had time to address that," said Sgt. T.O. Cochran of the Athens police, which resides over the University of Georgia. "When we found out, we already knew we would be spending most of our time going after the dealers. When we do find a store near campus, we'll confiscate the material and deal with it, but it's not at

the top of our list of priorities."

Cochran, who heads the department's drug unit, says that police used to visit stores several times a year to check on inventory. "We don't have that luxury anymore," he says, blaming an outbreak of crack cocaine dealers in the area. "Ninety percent of our time has gone directly to dealing with drugs."

The Athens police officer does add, however, that store owners found in violation of the federal law will be arrested.

Last October, New York City police raided 27 Manhattan head shops, arresting 36 people and seizing more than 70 million items, which ranged from crack pipes to tiny plastic bags.

"The entire law walks a very fine line," says Allen St. Pierre, director of the National Organization for the reform of Marijuana Laws. "Are police going to arrest you after you sell some plastic baggies because they can be used for storing pot or cocaine? It all becomes this incredible game of

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semantics."

St. Pierre, though, says he believes the ruling will not stand.

"Pretty soon, though, more local courts are going to realize that the ruling has no real basis in the Constitution, and they are going to start letting people get off," St. Pierre adds. "Then the whole thing will go back to the Supreme Court, and they'll have to do it all over again."

Manhattan federal judge Robert Sweet recently provided St. Pierre with some legal ammunition after he threw out charges against three men who were arrested

for selling drug paraphernalia. Sweet called the

"I'll just have to learn how to make a better bong. As long as they don't outlaw plastic tubing, I'll be alright."

Ted University of Virginia sophomore Supreme Court's interpretation of the Controlled Substances Act "unconsti-

tutionally vague."

In his ruling, Sweet stated that "many objects that fall within the statute's terms have dual purposes...Differentiating between purposes is at best guesswork and the statute's broad language offers no guidance."

But whatever the Supreme Court ultimately decides, more store patrons who have suddenly found supplies depleted are confident they'll be able to find other sources.

"I'll just have to learn how to make a better bong," says Ted, a sophomore at the University of Virginia. "As long as they don't outlaw plastic tubing, I'll be alright." ■

Ceremonies honor Kentucky youth slain over Rebel flag

Shooting of 19-year-old called 'wicked and cowardly event'

GUTHRIE, Ky. (AP) — Michael Westerman's family gave his Confederate flag to the Sons of Confederate Veterans Saturday.

It was one of several ceremonies honoring the slain 19-year-old and underscoring the Rebel pride of whites in this small community on the Tennessee-Kentucky border.

A motorcade of about 200 cars set out from Springfield, Tenn., early in the afternoon. There were speeches at the

Jefferson Davis memorial at Fairview, and a eulogy for Westerman at his gravesite. Thirty-six civil war reenactors fired Westerman a musket salute there.

A smattering of blacks lined the motorcade route, showing none of the enthusiasm of the rest of the crowd. A group of black junior high students exchanged insults with whites watching the parade in Elkton.

The community is roughly 70 percent white, 30 percent black.

William Rolan of the Confederate Veterans group accepted the flag from Westerman's aunt, Brenda Arms. The group then presented a check for an unspecified amount for Westerman's wife and twin children.

The Heritage Preservation Association and the Southern League also participated in the ceremony in Fairview.

"It's incumbent upon southern people to get behind someone who suffers a tragedy," Rolan said. "Clearly, the hate campaign against the southern flag is now costing the lives of southern people."

Westerman was shot to death Jan. 14 as he drove with his wife Hannah in his pickup truck. There was a Confederate flag mounted in the bed of the truck, and two of the seven youths charged

in his death said the flag was the reason for the attack.

Westerman was a graduate of Todd County High School in Guthrie which uses the Confederate flag as a symbol, and has a Confederate soldier mascot. Westerman apparently knew at least two of his attackers from school and basketball games.

Arms said Westerman was proud of his heritage, but not bigoted.

"My parents raised us to treat each other equally, and passed this on to us and we passed it on to our children," Arms said.

"Michael's display of the flag at the time of the shooting was a sign of his southernness and the fact that he graduated from Todd

County High School, where the flag is their symbol."

Westerman's murder was called "a wicked and cowardly event" in a graveside eulogy by Daniel Morse, minister of Immanuel Reformed

Episcopal church in Germantown, Tenn. Nonetheless, Morse called for the community to embrace "turning the other cheek" and letting the justice system run its course.

Since Westerman's death, more than 2,000 people have signed petitions supporting continued use of the flag and mascot at the school.

The Ku Klux Klan descended on the town, recruiting and handing out literature condemning Westerman's death. Hate groups were condemned and calm was called for at a meeting at Guildfield Baptist Church, which is predominately black.

The seven suspects in Westerman's death are charged with murder, attempted aggravated kidnapping and civil rights intimidation. They are Robert Bell, 25, Ricky Lynn Williams, 18, Michael Mimms, 18, Damien Darden, 17, Tony Andrews, 17, Marcus Meriweather, 15, and Freddie Morrow, 17.

All seven have a July 10 trial date in Robertson County Criminal Court in Springfield, Tenn. ■

"Clearly, the hate campaign against the southern flag is now costing the lives of southern people."

-William Rolan
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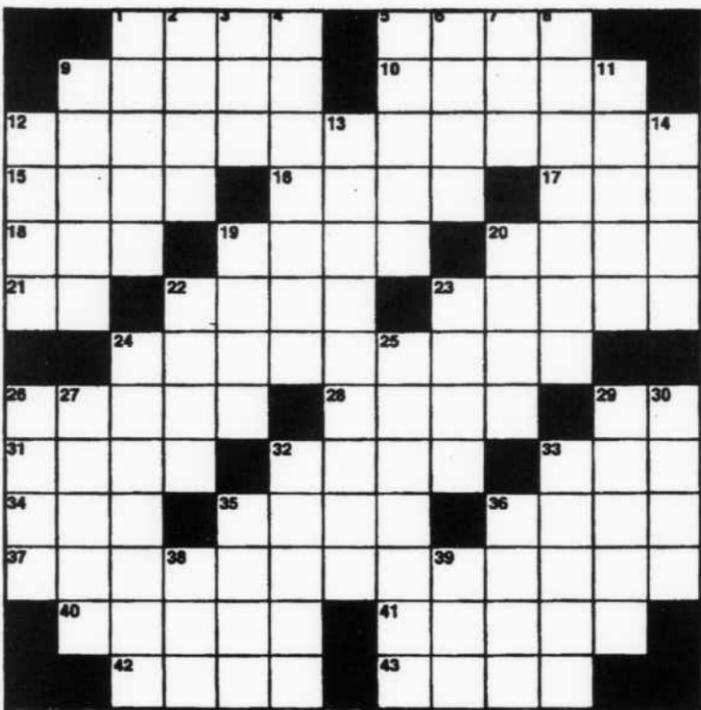
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Trouble for Drew at OVC Tourney

March 2nd was my birthday.

WORD ON THE STREET



Drew Butler

Sure, I got lots of cake, donuts and presents, but the thing that most interests me was the press pass to the OVC

Tournament.

Maybe it was my grandiose expectations but the tournament didn't start as a dream sequence.

Parking at the tournament didn't bother me. I knew going into the game that parking in downtown Nashville at 4 p.m. was not going to be a picnic.

But after trusting someone to watch my car (for four bucks), I proceeded to the auditorium.

After some kind women saw that I got lost, she let me into the arena and proceeded to my luxurious position at courtside.

So I thought.

That's when a pleasant OVC official told me that I got assigned a seat in what I now call "The Pit."

The Pit was under one of the baskets, not a bad location. But then I discovered that a set of cheerleaders and two sets of pep bands moved into the press territory like Saddam moved in on Kuwait.

Some of the Tennessee Tech cheerleaders had even moved into *Sidelines* seats on press row.

How nice of them.

After halftime during the opening game between Tech and Austin Peay, the sounds of dueling pep bands tried to win the contest "Who Can Break Drew's Eardrums First"

Cheerleaders in front of me, more cheerleaders beside me, still more cheerleaders and two different pep bands were behind me.

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Lady Raiders fall to TSU in Ohio Valley semis

After 1st round win against Austin Peay, Lady Raiders lose to top seed

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

The Lady Raider basketball season ended on a sour note Sunday at Municipal Auditorium with an 83-71 loss to the top-seeded Lady Tigers of Tennessee State University.

Middle reached the semifinal game by means of a 73-56 victory over Austin Peay, although the Lady Raiders, who shot poorly through most of the game before being led to the win by Sherry Tucker, who scored 17, and Jessica Beaty, who added 13 as well as 13 rebounds.

TSU swept the regular season series, powered by all-OVC first team selections Carolyn Aldridge and Connie Swift.

The Lady Tigers beat the Raiders 76-70 in the last meeting between the two teams, largely due to the TSU's ability to shut down Middle's biggest offensive weapon — the 3-point shot. The Raiders only shot 26 percent

from behind the 3-point arc on that night, but came into Sunday's game confident that if need be, they could take the ball to the basket.

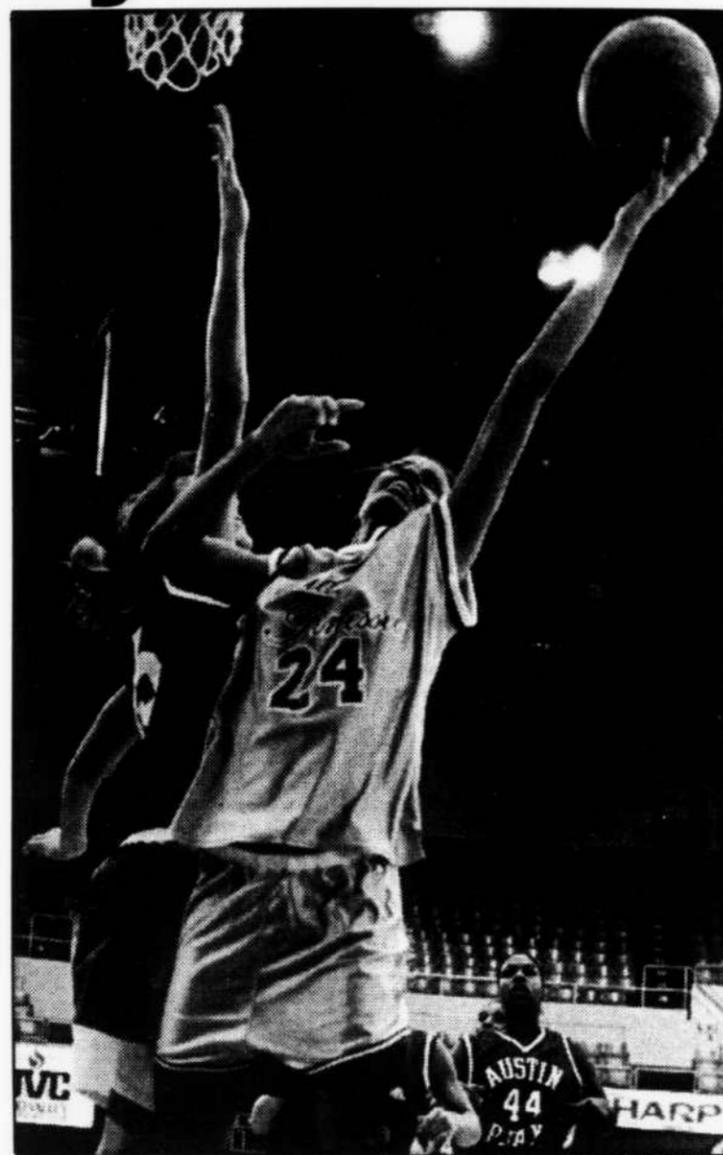
MTSU defended well against TSU's high-low offense early in the game, and was effective on the offensive side of the court as well, keeping the score fairly close throughout the half. The Lady Tigers jumped out to a 13 point lead with just over 10 minutes remaining in the first half, but a trey by Heather Prater sparked the Raiders to a 9-0 run to cut the lead to four.

As Middle's inside game continued to work in the first, Prater was able to get open on the perimeter. She connected on two consecutive treys to tie the score at 27 apiece with 4:55 remaining in the half.

"Mel (center Melanie Patchen) set some really good picks and they weren't stepping out on me," Prater said. "That's why I was able to get the shots."

Tucker buried yet another 3-pointer to give the Raiders the lead for the first time in the game, but TSU center Latessa Hickerson's 3-point play on the ensuing possession regained the lead for the Tigers, who were able to pull ahead by six late in

See Semis, page 26



CARL LAMBERT/Staff

Like She Can Really Block It

Sherry Tucker drives to the hoop against an Austin Peay defender in the Lady Raiders' first round win over the Lady Gobs in the OVC tourney.

Racers bounce MTSU from OVC Tournament

Blue Raiders come up short against second seed

DREW BUTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The roller-coaster ride of a season came to an end in Nashville on Thursday.

Seventh-seeded MTSU ended their season with a 75-67 loss to OVC Co-Champ Murray State in the first round of the OVC tournament.

"I think a simple comment is that Murray State is a great team," said head coach David Farrar. "We knew we would have to play a special game and we obviously did not get that carried out. Murray State

had a well-planned attack and is a very athletic team on top of that."

The Raiders played Murray State close in the first ten minutes of the first half. But the Racers always seemed to hit a basket to keep control of the game.

MTSU opened the game by taking a 8-4 lead capped by a lay-up by Tim Gaither. Murray State countered with a 3-pointer by William Moore about five minutes into the game.

From that point, the teams exchanged the lead until Murray State's Moore hit another three-pointer to extend the Racer lead to 14-10.

The team tied at 24-24 after the five minute mark in the half.

Then, Murray State went

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CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

Breakaway Jam

Senior Paul Washington goes up for a dunk during MTSU's first round OVC tournament matchup against eventual champion Murray State.

SPORTS

MTSU baseball team drops to 1-7 with loss at Auburn

12-run explosion by Tigers causes Blue Raider loss

STAFF REPORTS

After leading the 16th-ranked team in the country, MTSU became the victims of an Auburn offensive onslaught.

MTSU fell to 1-7 for the season with the 12-2 loss against Auburn on Saturday afternoon.

The Blue Raiders threatened early with two consecutive hits by Craig Reavis and Scott Haralson in the first inning. But Auburn got out of the jam with no damage and MTSU left runners on first and third.

In the third inning, MTSU drew first blood.

Kevin Hacker and Reavis got back-to-back singles and Haralson moved the runners over to second and third with a sacrifice bunt. Doug Barner then got an RBI when he got a sacrifice fly to rightfield that scored Hacker. Jamie Walker scored with an RBI single that scored Reavis and gave the Blue Raiders a 2-0 lead.

But the Tigers were just about to get rolling.

Auburn scored two runs in the third inning, four runs in the fourth inning, two runs in the fifth innings, one run in the sixth inning and three runs in the seventh to get their twelve runs.

Auburn's offense broke out for 14 hits in the game, including four hits and two RBIs by Rob Macrory and two hits each for Russell Whittenburg, Key Chabot and Mark Weks. Ten players for Auburn had RBIs in the

game.

For the Blue Raiders, Left-hander Jason Stanton got the loss on the mound. He went three plus innings and allowed six earned runs, six hits, one walk and struck out two. Brian Early went four innings and allowed eight hits and six runs (two runs earned). Chad Kirby pitched the eighth and retired the side in order.

At the plate for the Blue Raiders, Reavis finished with a 4-5 day. The senior has gotten seven hits in the last two games for MTSU. Haralson finished with two hits for the game.

The same two teams also played on Sunday afternoon.

After this long road trip, the MTSU baseball team will play their first games at MTSU's Jones Field on Tuesday at 3 p.m. and Wednesday at 2 p.m. against Indiana State. ■

Track stars qualify for NCAAs

STAFF REPORTS

Keith Watkins, Mario Allman and Micah Otis qualified for the NCAA Tournament with their performances on Saturday at

East Tennessee State University.

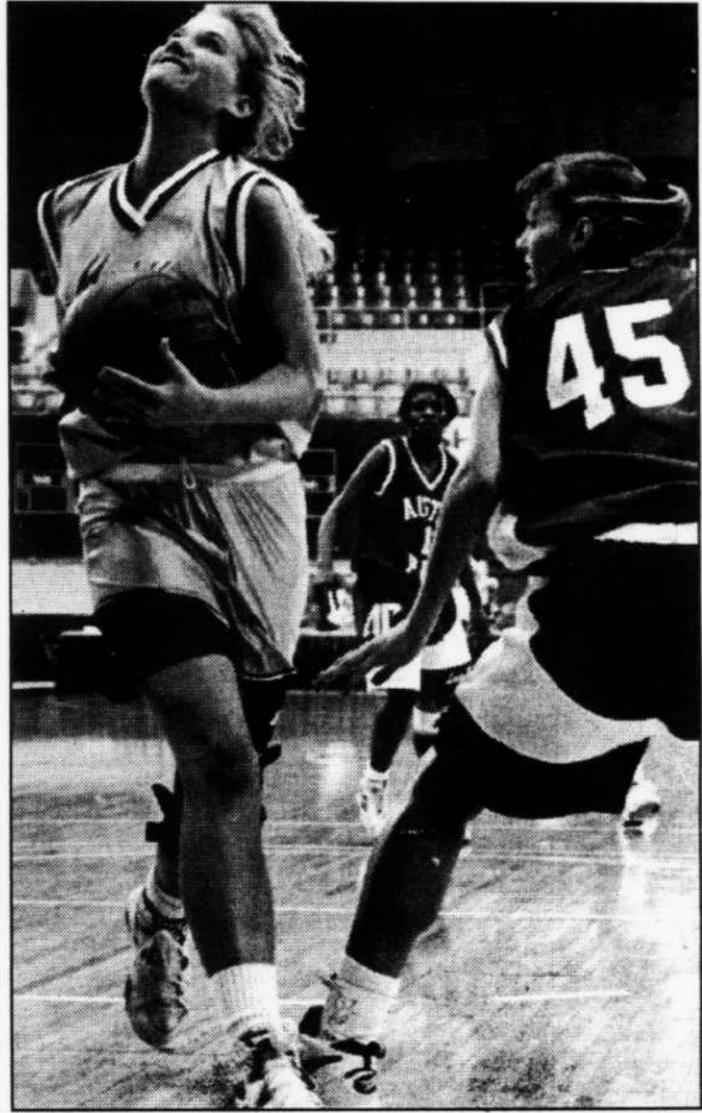
MTSU placed first and second in the 55-meter dash with Watkins taking first and Allmon placing second.

The same duo placed one-

two in last week's OVC tournament.

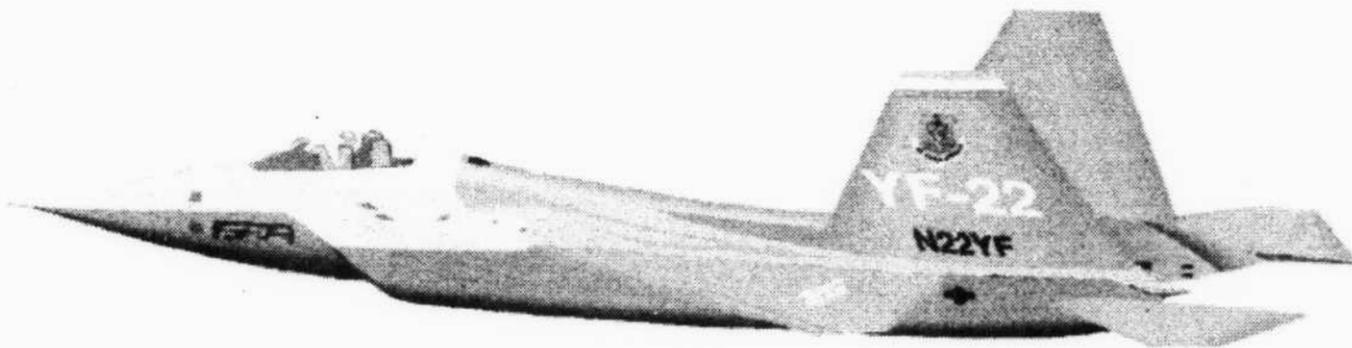
Otis placed second in the high hurdles to also earn a berth in next week's NCAA meet. ■

That's Her Ball



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Jessica Beaty goes for the ball against Austin Peay's Sonja Cox in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.



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SPORTS

MTSU Tennis teams lose weekend meets

Men's team falls to UAB 7-0; Women lose to Ball State and Miami(Ohio)

JOEL FREY
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team's youth and inexperience got exploited once again Saturday as MTSU lost a 7-0 decision to the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

The loss dealt such a blow to the mental psyche of the young Blue Raider team that Coach Dale Short called a special team meeting Sunday morning to let the team iron out any differences certain players may be experiencing between each other.

"We have been suffering some internal problems and dissension off the court. I basically told the guys they needed to work it out themselves. They came out of the meeting three hours later and I think some major progress was made," Short said.

Against UAB, the day began with MTSU losing two of the three doubles matches.

The freshman duo of Marshall Brown and David McNamara scored an 8-5 win in their match, however it was not enough to secure the point for the Blue Raiders.

In the number one doubles match, Fred

Niemeyer and Julius Roberts faced UAB rivals Vaughn Snyman and Paul Rosner, a team that is consistently among in the top five in the country over the past two years and the team that Niemeyer had upset last season with former Blue Raider Paul Goebel.

Even though the match was competitive, Niemeyer and Roberts suffered an early service break that turned out to be the difference in the 8-5 defeat.

Short said one item discussed at the meeting was the possibility of using some new doubles combinations in upcoming matches.

"We have not been able to establish really any consistency in doubles all season long," Short said.

UAB maintained momentum in singles, with only Niemeyer and McNamara extending their opponents to three sets.

Niemeyer lost 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(3) to Gerd Albiez and unfortunately the defeat continued his string of hard-luck losses.

Short said he expects Niemeyer to bounce back.

"Freddy is still the youngest player on the team and as he gets more and more matches in, he will begin to win these close ones, although it still is tough to handle at this point," Short said.

MTSU's scheduled match with Evansville on Sunday

got canceled and perhaps could made up later in the week.

The women, too, were in action at home over the weekend. Despite losing to Ball State and Miami of Ohio, coach David Thornton said he is happy with the effort the team is giving as OVC action nears.

"There are a lot of positive things coming from these early season matches. The matches have been close and the non-conference schedule will pay off in OVC play. Right now I am just looking for a better mental effort from everyone," Thornton said.

Freshman Emma Doyle continued her steady play, winning both of her singles matches, plus a doubles win over Ball State with partner Kelly Bacich.

Bacich, along with Natasha Balac and Michelle Wilson, who is recovering from bursitis in the hip, all played well in three-set losses.

"Those are the types of matches we will begin to win as we get more experience," Thornton said.

Bad weather forced the cancellation of Sunday's matchup against Samford.

Both the men and the women will be in action this Saturday at the Murphy Center courts against Samford University. ■

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Softball team wins one out of three games in tourney

MTSU only wins first game against Georgia Tech

STAFF REPORTS

In the two-day tournament in Atlanta this weekend, the MTSU softball team finished Saturday by splitting two games and finished Sunday

On Saturday, the Blue Raiders beat Georgia Tech 4-3 in the first game but dropped the second game to Georgia State in a 1-0 pitcher's duel.

MTSU jumped out to an early by score four runs in the second inning. That inning saw the Blue Raiders

jump into the lead with RBIs from Jinny West, Kristin Rawlins, Brenda Bessinger and Jamie Polsteen.

Rawlins, Allison Cheatham and Bessinger went 2-3 each at the plate.

Pitcher Jill Booth held off the Yellow Jackets by striking out nine, walking three and allowing four hits in seven innings in the Blue Raiders second win of the year.

"After their changed pitchers, we didn't score as much and they closed the gap in the seventh," said MTSU head coach Karen Green.

In game two on Saturday, Georgia State scored the only run in the ballgame in the first inning with an unearned run.

Andrea Edwards went the distance for the Blue Raiders and allowed four hits, struck

out one and walked one.

Rawlins once again went 2-3 at the plate for MTSU.

"Both teams were flat, that's why their wasn't a lot of hitting," Green said. "Neither teams could put together a string of hits."

The Sunday game slate saw the Blue Raiders take on Jacksonville State and Indiana State.

The first game saw MTSU fall to Indiana State 5-1.

Indiana State got an early lead and held it for the whole game.

Starter Jill Booth left the game in the second inning and Andrea Edwards replaced her on the mound.

"Indiana State is a very good hitting team and a very good defensive team," Green said.

The second game on Sunday got rained out in the third inning. ■

BASKETBALL

Tucker, Prater named All-OVC

Sherry Tucker, Heather Prater and Natalie Sneed are honored

ROB NUNLEY
Staff Writer

Regular season performances led to conference honors for three members of the Lady Raider basketball team.

The All-OVC first team included senior Sherry Tucker, junior Heather Prater got selected for the second team, and the OVC all-freshman team included Natalie Sneed.

Tucker started every game this season for the Lady Raiders. She scored in double figures in every game as well. Sherry had one of her more impressive nights of the season this year at Murray, when she connected on six 3-pointers on her way to a career high 38 point performance.

In the Raiders' last few regular season games, Sherry played particularly well. She made 37 steals in the last nine games, including a school record-setting nine against Austin Peay in February. Those defensive efforts

accompanied strong offensive games late in the season as well, including a 25-51 (49 percent) record from behind the 3-point line.

"Last year I made honorable mention, so it was really a pleasure for me to make it this year," Tucker said.

Prater's offensive prowess made her a clear choice for all-OVC honors. She is the nation's most accurate 3-point shooter, and had one of her best performances in early February against UT-Chattanooga, when she scored a career high 30 including burying eight of nine treys. One of Heather's five double-doubles came in the Raiders last home game against Austin Peay, when she scored 15 while tying the single-season assist record with 11. She already holds the Lady Raider career assists record, and continues to add to those totals with each game.

Natalie Sneed was a very positive force for the Raiders off the bench, averaging 23 minutes per game while seeing action in every Lady Raider contest. The five-foot-nine guard from Millington, Tenn. handled her relief role exceptionally well, substituting at both the point guard and shooting guard positions. Some of Natalie's best basketball

came in the team's win at Morehead in the last weekend of the season, when she turned in 16 points and six assists while not committing a turnover.

Sneed also played a very pivotal role in the Raiders' first-round tournament win over Austin Peay. She contributed 10 points, four rebounds, three assists, and two steals. Sherry Tucker was quick to praise her teammate's efforts this season.

"Natalie's really stepped up for us as a freshman," Tucker said. "Like today, she made some big plays for us that really got us back in the game."

The players were very proud that the three of them represent their school in the all-OVC polls.

"I think it shows we have good balance," Prater said. "We don't depend on one person to do everything, which is good because the defenses can't key in on one person that way."

Team captain Tucker shares Prater's sentiments.

"I think it really shows that our coaches have worked hard this year to prepare us for the OVC and prepare us to do our role the best we can." ■

Blue Raiders handcuffed by Racers' press defense

MTSU turnovers crucial in tourney loss to Murray

DREW BUTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

For MTSU, the defense of Murray State never rested.

Going into the first round game against Murray State, a key to any Raider victory was how well MTSU dealt with the full-court pressure of the Racers.

"Murray State plays very aggressively and we knew a key would be how well we handled the type of game they play and another key would be how the game was administered," said MTSU head coach David Farrar.

During the two regular season matchups against Murray State, MTSU played

well but fell under the weight of the Racer press. The OVC tournament game was no different.

Murray State caused 23 turnovers for the game, including five turnovers for Tim Gaither and four turnovers each for K.J. Hardin and Paul Washington.

"A team like Murray State, to its credit, can score in a flurry and we helped by turning the ball over at crucial times," Farrar said. "Murray State does a good job of attacking and being aggressive to wherever the ball is."

Murray head coach Scott Edgar said, "That's what we tried to do was to make it an athletic game, score off our defense and extend the defense. Obviously when you play like that you gamble a lot but I don't mind gambling. That's the only way I expect us to play. I don't plan on changing

anything."

Defense caused the tide of the game to shift in Murray's direction in the second half.

With Murray State leading 56-53, the Racers missed two free throws but got the ball back and scored on a layup.

Then the Blue Raiders turned the ball over in the Racers' side of the floor and William Moore nailed a 3-pointer.

Suddenly, a three point deficient turned into a eight points.

"Their (Murray State's) pressure seem to rattle us in the second half," said MTSU's Bobby Clark. "We didn't adjust very well."

MTSU center David Washington said, "The key point was they forced us to play up tempo. Turnovers led to a 3-pointer and layup and at that point, it was the knife in our back." ■

OVC TOURNAMENT SOUNDBITES

"When you look at the youth on both rosters, you might have seen the OVC championship game for next season."

-Murray State Coach Scott Edgar on MTSU and Murray after the teams' first round game.

"We came out and showed the toughness that we needed to."

-Lady Raider head coach Lewis Bivens on MTSU's first round game against Austin Peay.

"Basketball, as in life, is a game of distractions. The basketball ones are easy... The people who handled that the best were probably our kids. They've been optimistic from the beginning."

- Blue Raider head coach David Farrar on how the team handled the questions about his job security.



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the half.

Raider forward Julie Eve brought her team back within two with just over a minute left in the half, then Tucker tied the score at 36 with a driving layup. But Swift regained the lead for TSU with two free-throws with only 24 seconds left to give her squad a 38-36 halftime lead.

"We just quit playing timid," Raider head coach Lewis Bivens said. "Heather got a little more aggressive offensively and Sherry took the ball to the goal a little better. That got us back into the ballgame and gave us good position."

The Lady Tigers stepped up defensively early in the second half, while the offense took advantage of Middle's poor interior shooting and turnovers to stretch their lead. Aldridge and Hickerson led TSU on a 17-3 run in the first six minutes of the half to go on top 53-39.

"They forced some turnovers, made us make some mistakes offensively, and they got some easy buckets," Bivens said. "Aldridge started pumping them in up from the moon there at the start of the second half, and when she does that they're very tough to beat."

"When the dam broke, it broke."

The Raiders were finally able to get their gameplan back together and score consistently later in the half, but it was too little too late as the Lady Tigers cruised to the victory.

"We got ourselves in a hole and it's hard to get out," Bivens commented. "They really turned the heat up defensively. They're a great defensive basketball team and Aldridge makes you alter yourself defensively."

Aldridge led all scorers with 21, while Tiger teammates Swift and Hickerson contributed 17 and 15 in the winning effort.

Team leaders Tucker and Prater led the Middle scoring attack with 15 each, with

Tucker adding 11 rebounds and Prater dishing out eight assists. Jessica Beaty, who fouled out late in the game, added 12 points and six rebounds.

After the game, Coach Bivens and his players stressed that while they were disappointed with the loss, it can not overshadow the successes the team has had this season.

"These young ladies have worked hard all year," Bivens said. "I think 19 wins with this team was a lot more than some people expected and I'm very, very proud of them."

Tucker, who according to Coach Bivens has "come a million miles" as a player and team leader this year, was also happy with her squad's performance in her final season as a Lady Raider.

"I really enjoyed playing with my team this year," Tucker said. "They really showed a lot of heart out there. Everybody thought we'd end up last because we're so small, but we really proved everyone wrong." ■

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on a 11-4 run that pushed the Racer lead to nine (37-28) with about 37 seconds to go in the half.

The Murray State burst turned into a 39-32 halftime lead.

The second half started with a Murray State 3-pointer, however MTSU responded with a 8-0 run that closed the lead to 42-40.

"Middle is a very tough team. Both times we played them this year, we got them down 20 in the second half but they kept fighting," said Murray's Marcus Brown who led all scores with 19 points. "We expected a tough game. It's always tough to beat a team three times but we were very confident. We knew we were capable of doing it."

But the Racers once again answered with a 3-pointer to extend their lead.

With 11:05 to go in the game, a Bobby Clark dunk reduced Murray's lead to 50-48. But Middle would get no

closer.

The Blue Raiders attempted to turn the game into a half-court contest, but turnovers cost them.

"I don't think you can slow down the way that we did," Farrar said. "In fact, we turned the ball over two or three times when we dribbled right to where the strength of their defense is."

"Our pressure was very effective tonight," said Racer head coach Scott Edgar. "It was a very hard-fought and physical game by both teams and I'm pleased that we moved on in the tournament."

Murray State outscored the Blue Raiders 18-10 in the next nine minutes to extend their lead to 70-58 with 1:48 to go. From that point, the Racers went on to win the game by eight points.

"We accomplished what our goal was...to advance. This time of year there are no losers. One team advances and the other doesn't," said Edgar said. "When you look at youth on both rosters, you might have

seen the OVC championship game for next season. They have 10 of 13 back and we have back everyone but this guy (William Moore)."

MTSU finished with 57 percent shooting in the second half hitting 14-24 from the field. The Racers counteracted the Blue Raiders' shooting making 57 percent and shooting 4-6 from beyond the three-point line.

Two Blue Raiders finished the game in double figures. David Washington led MTSU with 12 points and Tim Gaither connected for 11 points. Bobby Clark and Paul Washington ended with nine points while K.J. Hardin had eight points.

"When you look at youth on both rosters, you might have seen the OVC championship game for next season," Edgar said. "They've struggled this year but they've always played hard."

"Murray State does a good job of attacking and being aggressive to wherever the ball is," Farrar said. ■

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Go! Go!"

"Go Tech Go."

NO!!

Those sounds will haunt more for life.

Don't get me wrong. The cheerleaders were very nice to me. But the placement wasn't exactly ideal. I even met some cool people stuck with me in my section of "Press Row Hell."

I even felt for my life once. The Tech cheerleaders got

vaulted into the air, right behind me. Every time the Tech cheerleaders went airborne, I had the feeling that one of them would fall and crush me.

But I doubt that would even help me.

A side note: everything that I described in this column happened in the first two hours in the Auditorium.

What about the actual games?

Not bad.

Thank goodness I got a sideline position for the women's games. I don't know

how much more I could stand.

My experiences have led me to two conclusions.

First, I would have been better off buying a ticket and covering the game from the stands.

Second, I'm bringing earplugs next time.

Hey, it could have been worse. It could have been Austin Peay's cheerleaders shouting for 20 minutes.

Can you say "Let's go Peay!"

Happy Birthday to me. ■

SPORTS

Hey, I'm Open!



CHARLES HOGUE/Staff

Junior Tim Gaither dribbles through the Murray State defense while David Washington waits for the ball in the OVC first-round game against the Racers on Thursday night in Nashville. Gaither led the Blue Raiders in scoring with 11 points while Washington and Bobby Clark finished with nine points each.

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Bowling team takes second in regionals

DREW BUTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The MTSU women's bowling team earned a berth in the national tournament

by recently placing second in the regional tournament.

Teams that they competed against include the University of North Carolina, North Carolina State, Morehead State and

Clemson.

"We really haven't had too much success in the past. I think that's the reason why we haven't gotten recognition," said player Dana Basham. "We still have

a lot of room for improvement."

The only team that placed higher than MTSU was Morehead, who is ranked third in the country.

Last year, the national

tournament saw six women's teams compete.

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Editorial

Why shut down now? Wait until the summer

The university is in the process of updating its computer system. They are going from an SIS to SIS-plus system.

What it means for the university is better computer capability. For students it could mean a possible six-day delay in picking up loan checks, according to the Office of Financial Aid.

The university has to take down the current system in order to install the new system. This process will begin Monday.

Student loan checks are due to be picked up Tuesday, but because the checks will have to be hand-written instead of computer-processed, there will be a delay until all checks are ready.

We question the wisdom of shutting down the computers at a time when it is known the computers will be needed to draw loan checks.

Many students need these loan checks as soon as possible. Although technically against the law, many students use loan checks received in the middle of the semester to help pay bills to avoid mid-semester disasters like being evicted from their homes or having their cars repossessed.

It is irresponsible for the university to cause this kind of delay. This should have waited until the summer, when not nearly as many students will be affected. In the future, the university should give students more consideration before making decisions that will affect so many.



New technology in hunting: a gun that shoots ducks



Dave Barry

The problem with hunting, as a sport, is that it's not competitive. A guy with a shotgun squats in a swamp; an unarmed duck with an IQ of maybe four

flies overhead, the guy blasts the duck into individual duck molecules. Where is the challenge here? Where is the CONTEST?

Fortunately, I have a solution. It came to me as I was reading the fall 1994 issue of Global Gas Turbine News, which was sent in by alert reader Joe Born. On the off-chance that you don't subscribe, I should explain that Global Gas Turbine News is a publication written by, and for, Martians. At least that's the impression you get from reading it. Here's an actual quote from a letter to the editor:

"Research to determine optimum blade loading, including optimum backward curvature of blades at outlet, effectiveness of separate inducers, placement of splitter vanes, and diffuser design should now be considered."

Sounds good to me! I say we show our support for this cause by holding a mass rally and chanting catchy slogans ("WHAT DO WE WANT?" "RESEARCH TO DETERMINE OPTIMUM BLADE LOADING, INCLUDING...").

Anyway, the big article in the fall issue is headlined, "Bird Ingestion Into Aero-Engines." The article concerns efforts by engineers

to deal with the problem of birds getting sucked into jet airplane engines during takeoff and flight; this can damage the engine, and even make the plane crash. Also it is no picnic for the bird.

So according to the article, engineers are always trying to develop more-bird-resistant jet engines. To test these engines, they have developed—here's the good part—A GUN THAT SHOOTS DUCKS. When I say "a gun that shoots ducks," I don't mean "a gun that shoots AT ducks." I mean "a gun that you load an actual duck into and shoot it out the end, like a big feathered bullet." Engineers use the gun to shoot ducks at test aircraft engines so they (the engineers) can see what happens.

(Note to animal lovers: The article states that, before being shot, these ducks are "humanely killed." The article does not state whether this procedure involves feeding them airline cuisine.)

No doubt you've already figured out where I'm going with this. I'm thinking: Let's take some of these duck-shooting guns, camouflage them and hide them in areas known to be infested by duck-hunters, and let's install some kind of sonar-guided, computerized aiming system on them, so that when a sensor detects a shotgun blast, it immediately fires a high-velocity duck at the source. Think how much more EXCITING the sport of duck-hunting would be if the hunter knew that, every time he fired his gun, he would immediately have to dive headfirst into the swamp muck, or else run the risk of getting hit by a deceased mallard traveling at upward

of 170 miles per hour.

At this point, you probably have a couple of questions, namely:

Q. Would such a program be safe?

A. Naturally, before we started shooting ducks at actual human beings, we would conduct safety tests in which we would fire a wide variety of waterfowl at humanely selected scientists from the Tobacco Institute.

Q. Would this program pose a National Security threat to the president of the United States, who sometimes demonstrates his personal masculinity by shooting birds?

A. This would not be a problem, because the president is protected by Secret Service agents chosen specifically on the basis of their willingness to, in the line of duty, step in front of a duck.

Q. What about deer hunters? Can we use the same technology to make their sport more exciting?

A. Tragically, at this time we do not have a gun capable of accurately firing an animal the size of a deer, although I would strongly support a project to develop one, using, as test ammunition, humanely sedated Tobacco Institute scientists.

But until we perfect a deer gun, we can go with an interim solution suggested by a Jan. 12 article in the central Pennsylvania *Centre Daily Times*, written by Jerilynn Schumacher and sent in by alert reader Paul Dietzel. This article concerns efforts by the Pennsylvania Army National Guard to help a group of endangered animals called "fishers," which are

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OPINIONS

Freshman getting ripped off by meal plans

Guest Columnist



Chris Hamilton

When I enrolled at MTSU I knew it would be expensive. My tuition was high, my book fees were high, and my dorm fee was high. What made my dorm fees so high was that it is mandatory that a freshman living on campus purchase a meal card that cost \$463.

With my freshman meal card I get 15 meals a week at any cafeteria except the Grill. I said to myself, "Wonderful! I'll never have to miss a meal while on campus." Wrong!

After about a week on campus, I found out that freshman can only use their cards during certain times of the day. How many freshman have missed lunch because they had to be in class, needed to study or just had something pressing to do at the time?

How many freshman have missed dinner because they had to be at work or in class?

I have had this happen many times. Is this fair? We paid for our cards so we

would have breakfast, lunch and dinner. Most cafeterias on campus are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner only, but a couple stay open all day. But just because they do stay open all day, we still can only eat during the specified hours.

Anyone can look at this and tell this puts limits on the number of meals a person can eat in a day.

It only took me the first day to realize that what I call a meal ARAMARK and food services do not. I normally eat at JUB because it is the closest cafeteria to all of my classes. I always get one meat and two vegetables with a large drink. I don't know, but I always thought this was a meal.

Even though I had to purchase the meal card, which is supposed to mean 15 complete meals per week, the cashier always charges me \$.50 to \$1.00 extra. I once asked the cashier why she charges extra and she replied, "You are over your limit."

LIMIT? Why is there a limit? A meal is a meal, right? Not according to ARAMARK.

After a few weeks of this I went looking for answers. Low and behold, I got the runaround from everyone I contacted.

First I went to food

services and found myself explaining my problem to a secretary because no one was there who could answer my questions.

Then I went to SGA and talked to the chairman of the food service committee. She gracefully informed me that other students had inquired about the same thing and that nothing could be done about it.

The other day I went to JUB at 4:22 p.m. to get something to eat. There was no hot bar, so I chose Subway. I got a sandwich and a drink, then went to the cashier. I handed her my card and was told I had to wait until 4:30 to use it. I told her I had to be at work at 4:30 and asked her if she could charge it to my card anyway. She refused.

There goes another meal I paid for and didn't get! I had had it.

I went straight to food services and, of course, no one was there except for the secretary. She took my name and phone number and forwarded them to a Mr. McCallie.

He called me the next day to set up a meeting. Here is the information I got from that meeting.

- If you work during dinner hours, you can get a note from your employer stating your schedule and food

services will give you a special card to use at the Grill.

- If you do get this card you are still limited to a dollar amount, which means you are still getting a very small meal.

- Even though I pay extra for every meal I eat, McCallie informed me that my meal still only costs \$1.81. (He calculated this with some strange formula that I don't see how some math majors could use.)

- He also told me the university asked for meals to be this way when ARAMARK first bid on the food service

contract.

- McCallie said that if every freshman was to eat all 15 meals per week all semester long, ARAMARK would lose tremendous amounts of money. I have now come to my own conclusions why meal card meals are regulated.

If you are a freshman who lives on campus, I know you are experiencing the same problem. This can be changed. Someone at this university has the power to do something. I just have not found that person yet. ■

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described as "house-cat-sized members of the weasel family" (I am not making any of this up). The article states that, to feed some fishers in a remote area, "Guardsmen dropped 17 frozen, road-killed deer and 100 pounds of dead, smelly fish from a Chinook helicopter as it flew 50 to 150 feet above the ground."

I can think of few events that would add more "zing" to a hunting expedition than the possibility of being squashed like a plump gun-toting grape by the frozen carcass of a mature, fish-encrusted deer (or, if there

are any left over, a Tobacco Institute scientist).

If you're as excited as I am about using the National Guard for this purpose next deer season, I urge you to write a letter to this nation's supreme military commander, "Newt" Gingrich. If, however, you are in any way offended by any of the proposals I have made in this column, please let me know, because I CARE WHAT YOU THINK. So send your letters of complaint directly to me, Patrick Buchanan, c/o Editor, Global Gas Turbine News, 2038 Jetson Way, Mars. Or, for a faster response, just lean out your window and shoot. Then duck. ■

Professors should emphasize education, not memorization

From The Grandstand



Mark Blevins

What is education?

My copy of the *Random House Webster's College Dictionary* suggests it is "the act or process of imparting or acquiring general knowledge and of developing the powers of reasoning and judgment."

General knowledge, developing powers of reasoning and judgment.

O.K. But universities need a way to evaluate these qualities so it can ensure its graduates have attained an education when they come out the other side. After all, the university does have a responsibility to provide those at its doorsteps who are hungry for knowledge and understanding the genuine article.

Hence, the G.P.A. We all want the "A." It makes us feel good; it supposedly helps us get the good job.

But, do we ever bypass the education for the "A."

A fellow student in one of my classes was concerned about a particular angle of a looming performance test and how responsible he should be for that particular angle. The professor answered that he should be responsible for it but added that if the student didn't do well, he would at least learn from the mistake. "We learn more from our mistakes," the professor said.

"But what about my grade," the student pleaded, "I need to know exactly what I must do to get the grade I need."

It's true. The student will do better if he knows exactly what he must do.

My concern is that we students are not trying to grasp the entirety of a subject, but instead cramming information into our brain three days before a test.

We sometimes bypass understanding to get the "A."

I must, however, shift at least part of the blame to the professors who perpetuate this kind of non-educating cycle.

I overheard two students who were walking down our sidewalks and apparently going to take a test. One would rattle off abbreviations

and the other would answer. I distinctly heard one frantically say "O.K. T.S.B." "Tennessee School for the Blind," came the triumphant answer. Why was a professor requiring the memorization of this abbreviation and apparently more like it? I believe that if you had a job that required you know what "T.S.B." means, you could pick it up in about five seconds.

Professors should concentrate on the essence of their subjects when it comes to testing and leave the cereal box memorization alone. Of course, many professors do not test this way, but I would implore all professors to constantly evaluate their testing procedures. Why are you asking students to know this and how are you asking them to answer?

I realize that testing and G.P.A.s are a mainstay right now absent of any other functional, agreed-upon method. But, we should remember why we are at a university and acquiring (or imparting) an education.

Surely, it's not for the one-time regurgitation of facts and the letter "A." ■

Letters To The Editor

Budget cuts no big deal

To The Editor:

I would like to say that too big of a deal is being made about the Sundquist budget cuts. From what I have heard, he is not eliminating our library and bus/aero building, he is just putting them on hold temporarily.

We are a society who loves to complain. First we complain about the deficit, and when somebody tries to do something about it we complain because we have to give up something. Life is give and take.

Just be glad you do not go to TSU, because they are having a harder time than we are. But, this is just what I have heard, and you know what you hear is not always right.

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Thought for the Day

"Seventy-five percent of the public get their information from TV. That means 75 percent of Americans are under-informed. You must read newspapers, you must read magazines, you must read books."

-Bernard Shaw
CNN news anchor
1994

Elvis scholar has answer to his incredible afterlife

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Elvis Presley just won't die. And his disturbing failure to do so has become the subject of burning cultural debate.

Gil Rodman believes he can put the issue — if not the King — to rest.

Rodman, a composition and cultural studies instructor and graduate student at the University of Illinois, has spent much of his academic career tracking Elvis' second life. He addresses the phenomenon in his upcoming book, "Elvis After Elvis: The Posthumous Career of a Living Legend," due next spring from Routledge.

Since the world was informed that Elvis had died of a heart attack on Aug. 16, 1977, at age 42, he's reportedly been sighted just about everywhere — even among aliens — while others have insisted he's living under an assumed identity.

More often, he sneaks out of television shows, advertisements, computer software, political campaigns, postage stamps and "other corners of the cultural terrain that defy common-sense notions of how dead stars are supposed to behave," Rodman observed.

So why has Dead Elvis risen above other beloved stars?

Is it marketing?
Fans' devotion?
Nostalgia?

Those factors probably play a role, Rodman said, but they fail to explain why other dead stars haven't received the same attention. Why doesn't Marilyn Monroe have legions of impersonators? Why is James Dean allowed to rest in peace?

Elvis, hips thrusting, became forever linked to the cultural revolution that erupted with rock 'n' roll.

"It was like he came along and whispered a dream in everyone's ear, and then we dreamed it," Rodman said, quoting Bruce Springsteen.

But Elvis' cultural importance is more than just as an icon.

What made Elvis different was the way he resonated so strongly on both sides of so many cultural divisions, Rodman said.

Some examples:
—Elvis' gyrations were the stuff of raw sexuality, but his boyish face was that of a teddy bear.
—Some hailed him for breaking down the color barriers of pop culture, while others contended a white racist society crowned him

King for stealing from black culture.

—He was viewed as a hard-working country boy who made it big in the city, or a transplanted redneck who wore his passion for tackiness like a badge.

Other aspects of his cultural duality involve class, age, religion and even gender.

"People have talked about his appearance being somewhat androgynous," Rodman said, noting that descriptions of the man often refer to physical parts, such as lashes, lips and hips, that are more commonly cited in the description of women.

"People even talk about the impersonators 'getting up in Elvis drag,'" he said.

Rodman, 29, has published many scholarly papers on Elvis, but said he is a fan, not a fanatic.

Others are so devoted, though, that some science fiction books refer to "Elvisism" as a major religion of the future, he said.

"With all stars, there's a certain religious metaphor that you get. People 'worship' or 'idolize' them," he said. "With Elvis, it's much harder to overlook." ■

Doctor zaps himself with defibrillator; slows racing heart

BOSTON (AP) — A doctor who felt his heart racing dangerously zapped himself with his office defibrillator to jolt it back to normal.

As any viewer of TV hospital dramas knows, the defibrillator is one of the most impressive tools available to medicine. It uses a powerful burst of electricity to restore the heart to a normal beat after cardiac arrest or other rhythm abnormalities.

The machines were hardly designed for self-use. But according to a brief write-up in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, one worried doctor did exactly that.

The 40-year-old plastic surgeon, Dr. Jean Cukier, accidentally shocked himself while trying to fix a lamp in his office. He grew dizzy and felt his heart beat rapidly. So he dragged himself into his operating room and hooked himself up to a heart monitor.

There he discovered his heart was racing at 160 beats per minute. Worried he was about to pass out, he smeared himself with conducting jelly, placed the defibrillator paddles on his chest and turned the thing on.

The first jolt threw him off the table but failed to fix his heart. He climbed back and tried it again. This time it worked.

Cukier said through an assistant this week that he did not want to discuss the incident.

Dr. Amin H. Karim of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, who eventually treated the doctor, said he probably would have been better off dialing 911 for an ambulance.

"It was very daring," Karim said. "What if he passed out? He could have put himself into a more dangerous rhythm. If that happened, it would have meant cardiac arrest." ■

Being teacher makes you do weird stuff

BLOUNTVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Ken Goff managed not to lose his marbles during two decades as a high school principal. Since then, he has collected thousands.

After his retirement several years ago, Goff and his wife Velma went to an auction and found that a bucket of old marbles nabbed \$100.

Now, they've stowed away thousands of marbles.

The couple's basement is crammed with coffee cans full of marbles. Many are duds.

"You have to end up with a quart just to get one you want," Goff says. "As a collector, what you're interested in is getting good specimens of different kinds."

After he took interest in marbles, he began researching his new hobby.

He showcases his good marbles in a small den. One set features ships handpainted by an Ohio artist. Goff thinks that trio may be valuable someday.

Goff remembers playing marbles when he was young, but says young people nowadays don't play hardly at all.

"I grew up in the Depression," he said. "And that was our major form of entertainment — playing marbles."

In the 1930s and 1940s,

just about everybody played marbles, he said.

"But people quit playing marbles approximately 1950," Goff said. "By then, everybody got electricity."

During the Depression and World War II, American-made marbles numbered in the billions, according to Goff. The Japanese entered the market with the popular cat's eye marble.

"I used to win a lot of marbles," Goff said. "And I was just like everybody else: When they get a little chipped up, I shot them with my slingshot. I must have shot away thousands."

One of the biggest U.S. marblemakers, Akro-Agate, which was based in Akron, Ohio, folded in 1951, Goff said.

Because of the presence of sand and cheap gas — the main ingredients in marble manufacturing — most of the U.S. marble industry was based in West Virginia and Ohio.

"The biggest marble country in the world right now is Mexico," Goff said.

But in this country, marbles aren't completely forgotten. The railroad industry, for example, uses marbles to move boxes on the beds of railcars and marbles are sometimes used as reflectors on road signs, Goff said. ■

These people are plain nuts

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Musers in the 23rd running of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race took their ceremonial departure from Alaska's largest city Saturday, making a relaxed run down a path of trucked-in snow in sunny 20-degree weather.

The teams drove 20 miles to suburban Eagle River before packing up for the day. This year, racers are carrying paying passengers out of the starting gate as a marketing ploy to help balance a tight Iditarod budget.

Bidders bought their way into each of the 58 sleds for the first seven miles. Minimum bid for the ride was \$500, and most of the musher wannabes came from the Lower 48. Race organizers collected \$35,000.

One rider was Gov. Tony Knowles. He took off in jeans, a zippered parka and a musher's hat with a sponsor name on it.

Knowles rode with defending champion

Martin Buser. While most of the paying passengers sat in the sleds, Knowles stood on the runners in front of Buser.

On Sunday, the racers line up in the same order in Wasilla, about 45 miles from Anchorage, and the race begins for real. It ends in the historic Gold Rush community of Nome, 1,100 miles away. The first musher will arrive in about 10 days.

"I'm ready to get out of town," said veteran musher Dee Dee Jonrowe before the start.

Race veterinarians circulated among the mushers, weighing dogs and checking their hearts. Ken Hinchcliff, an Ohio State University veterinarian, said he checked 1,300 animals and didn't detect any heartbeat abnormalities.

"This is a very select group of dogs," Hinchcliff said. "They're selected to be very healthy." ■

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