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File Photo
Students gather on campus last year for MTSU's annual Take Back the Night rally. This year's event received large turnout with students all supporting the end of domestic and sexual violence.

Women 'Take Back the Night'

Vigil, rally shines light on sexual assault

By TYLER MARTIN
Contributing Writer

MTSU's Take Back the Night rally, which is part of a national event for the prevention of sexual violence, culminated Tuesday with a keynote speech by Deloris E. Jordan, sister of the renowned basketball legend, Michael Jordan.

Women in Action prepared for the Take Back the Night march by handing out T-shirts, buttons, bull horns and protest signs. The signs including messages contending, "We must reclaim our bodies and voices," and "I am powerful and peaceful."

"Every time I speak [about sexual abuse] I am breaking the chains that have



Photo courtesy of Langfield Media
Deloris E. Jordan, the keynote speaker at MTSU's Take Back the Night, helps fight against sexual violence at an event.

held my own life hostage,"

Jordan said. She said communication is key to weakening the powerful pain that seizes and takes hold of victims

of domestic disputes, rape or abuse.

Jordan talked about the pain that she had suffered throughout her life. She said she was sexually abused by

her father from the time she was 8 years old until she was 16. Jordan said she had dealt with the lows of the emotional spectrum for some time, even resorting to attempting suicide — through it all, she said she kept a message of hope.

"If I am ashamed [about my past], my perpetrator wins," she said. "He then has me locked in a cell."

Jordan said this cell is what keeps people from moving past traumatizing life events similar to the ones she experienced.

Jordan played the song "Said and Done" by Mary J. Blige at the conclusion of her speech, and said it represented the way she felt in life.

"It was uplifting and very positive," said Allison Lay, senior organizational communication major. "Her story was a story of triumph."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If all the economists were laid end to end, they'd never reach a conclusion."

George Bernard Shaw

McPhee decides President eliminates sweeping changes

By MARIE KEMPH
Campus News Editor

More than a year after the MTSU administration began the college restructuring process, President Sidney McPhee announced none of the existing colleges are going to be disbanded, but plans to add the University College and College of Education will go into effect as of the 2010-2011 academic year.

The Presidential Response to Interim Provost Recommendations on Restructuring Colleges was unexpectedly released to the public last week, following months of brainstorming sessions and meetings, which were spearheaded by multiple committees from all of the university's colleges.

"We started this process a year and a half ago, and went through a very comprehensive set of recommendations," McPhee said, adding he approved 70 of the 129 restructuring recommendations submitted throughout the past year.

RESTRUCTURING, PAGE 3

Republicans bring debate to campus

By ROZALIND RUTH, MARIE KEMPH
Community News Editor, Campus News Editor

Six Republican primary candidates vying for the U.S. Congress's 6th District seat participated in a forum Thursday and discussed a variety of topics, including the War on Terror, illegal immigration and issues involving education.

Steve Gill, who is a well-known Tennessee radio commentator and conservative political analyst, moderated the forum. MTSU's Raider Republicans sponsored the event alongside Snodgrass and King Pediatric Dental Associates.

The forum comprised state Sens. Diane Black, R-Gallatin, and Jim Tracy, R-Shelbyville; Gary Mann, owner of GDM Motorsports; Kerry Roberts, owner of the Bike Pedlar; retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Dave Evans; and Lou Ann Zelenik, former chairwoman of the Rutherford County Republican Party.

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Confucius Institute opens for public

STAFF REPORT

MTSU celebrated the grand opening of the Confucius Institute on Wednesday with Chinese music and dance performed by students from Hangzhou Normal University.

The performance was held in the Hinton Music Hall of the Wright Music Building, which featured performers that included students and faculty from the Chinese university, the institution collaborating with MTSU in

the creation of the institute.

A delegation from the People's Republic of China visited campus to formally recognize the launch of the cultural institute.

Chinese dignitaries, including the vice mayor of Hangzhou in China's Zhejiang province, were in attendance for "An Oriental Monsoon," a presentation created for the grand opening of the Confucius Institute at MTSU.

"After several months of preparation, [Confucius Institute at MTSU] is now ready to offer services to the community," said Director Guan-

ping Zheng, professor of electronic media communication, in a press release last week.

According to the Confucius Institute website, it is a nonprofit public institution designed to enhance the understanding of Chinese language and culture, facilitate engagement with China and create opportunities for exchange and collaboration with American communities.

Some of the musical performances included renditions of famous Beijing operas, popular folk songs, and even a piece from the musical "The Sound of Music." Prize-winning folk dances and

a Chinese instrumental ensemble performed to close the event.

The institute will provide language and culture classes, teaching resources and other assistance for current and future Chinese language teachers at K-12 schools. It will also host the Chinese Proficiency Test, which is designed to promote a better understanding of Chinese culture.

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Textbook Brokers opens near campus

Second location gives students more options

By TAYLOR HIXSON
Staff Writer

Textbook Brokers expanded to a second location two weeks ago by opening a Rutherford Boulevard location in order to serve more students.

The new store is in the University Square Shopping Center in the suite previously occupied by The Chicken Shack. Robert Batcheller, manager of Textbook Brokers, said the Greenland Drive location will remain open, as it has for the past five years.

Batcheller, who manages both locations, said Textbook Brokers wanted to expand because it is outgrowing the location on Greenland Drive. The com-

pany wanted an additional location that is convenient for MTSU students on the other side of campus.

"The new location has a lot more parking and is more convenient, but we offer the same services: buying and selling books every day," Batcheller said.

Textbook Brokers does buy-backs every day so students can bring in a book they do not need any longer at any point during the semester, Batcheller said.

Batcheller said in order to stay competitive with local bookstores and online book selling services like Amazon.com, Textbook Brokers will share online price listings before students buy their textbooks to make sure they are getting the best deal.

Batcheller said Textbook Brokers has also

added a new service: It now buys, sells and repairs used Nintendo Wii, Sony PlayStation and Xbox 360 video games and video game consoles.

"Xboxes tend to break easily, and we do most repairs for under \$80," Batcheller said.

Batcheller said even with the book rental websites like Chegg.com, Textbook Brokers has not been negatively affected or experienced a decline in sales because it also offers a rental option.

"There are a lot of people that come in at this time of the semester and rent the book they need for two weeks before the final," Batcheller said, adding that both locations offer rental books that are custom for MTSU courses, unlike online competitors.

"People can rent furniture and televisions, why not books too," Batcheller said.

Alexandria Milan, sophomore chemistry major, said she shops at Textbook Brokers for the cheaper prices.

"I spent \$530 my freshman year at Phillips Bookstore. I went to Textbook Brokers the next semester and spent only \$200 on four books."

ALEXANDRIA MILAN
SOPHOMORE CHEMISTRY MAJOR

"I spent \$530 my freshman year at Phillips Bookstore," Milan said. "I went to Textbook Brokers the next semester and spent only \$200 on four books."

Milan, who lives at Campus Crossings South, said the new location is going to be much more convenient because it is

so close to her apartment.

"I'm going there in a week to return my books," Milan said.

Batcheller said, with close to 50 stores across the U.S., the company can afford to pay students more money when they sell back their textbooks and can buy back most books that are no longer being used at MTSU; a competitive advantage over other local bookstores.

"We can pay for books that MTSU is not using anymore and send them to another location," Batcheller said.

The biggest difference between Textbook Brokers and other bookstores, Batcheller said, is its general store style set up. He said students bring in their class schedules and an employee will grab the book for them.

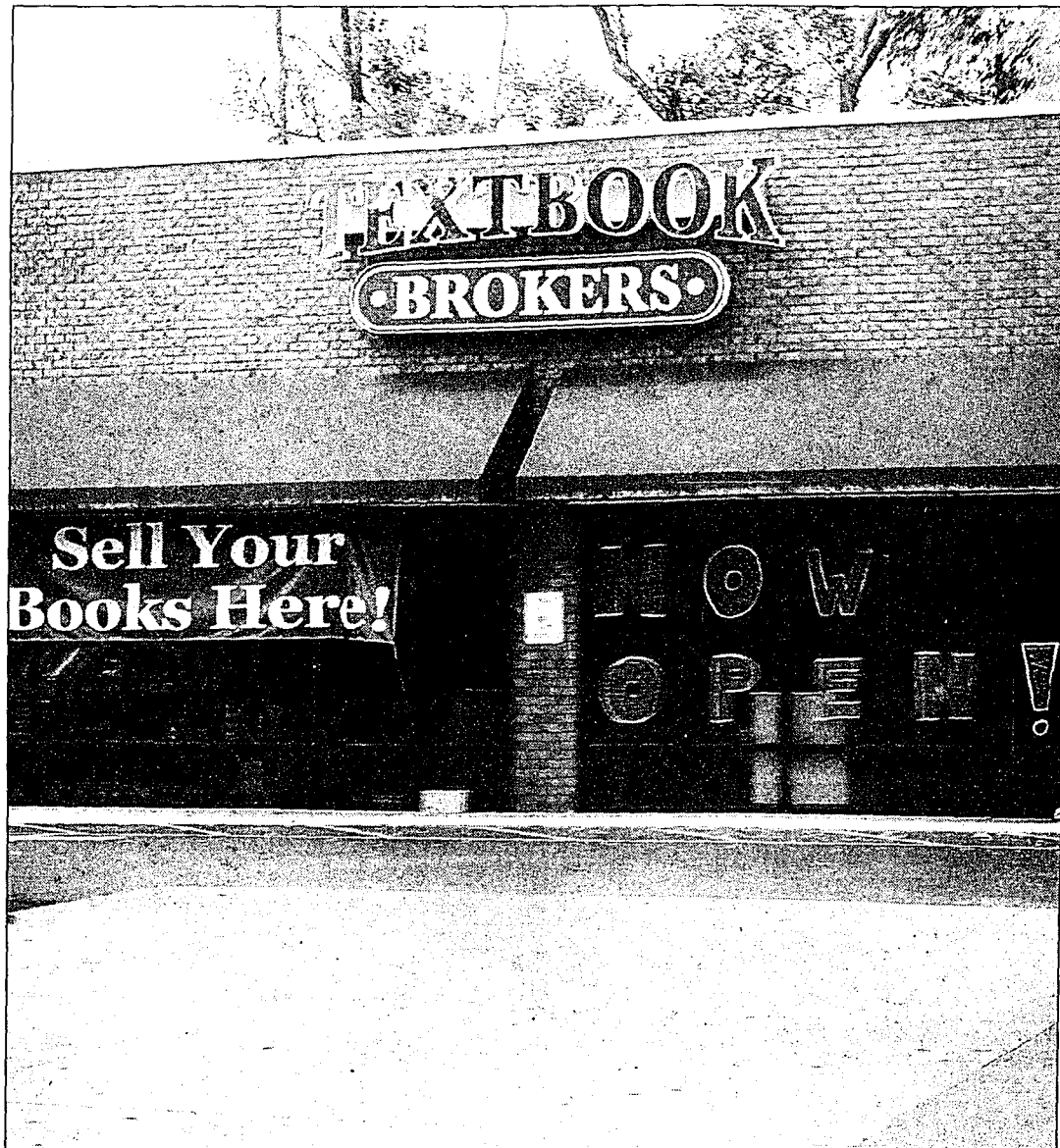


Photo by Jay Bailey, photography editor

A new location for Textbook Brokers opened two weeks ago, giving students a second option when buying and selling their used books.

"We do the work for you," Batcheller said.

Even though the "we do the work" attitude might seem easier for students, some students prefer to peruse the aisles to get everything they need.

Alisia Pothikam, junior economics major, has only bought one book from Textbook Brokers, and she said her boyfriend had a bad experience that makes her fearful of relying on the company.

"The employee got him the book he needed for class but neglected to get him the second part of the book, which

was required in class for a grade," Pothikam said.

However, several students find Textbook Brokers to be an easier and cheaper alternative to Phillips Bookstore in the Keathley University Center.

Justice Adams-Courtney, sophomore preveterinary major, said the new location is more convenient to her campus dorm room, and that she has a good impression of the business because of positive peer reviews.

"I heard they were cheaper and give you back more money," Adams-Courtney said.

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MTSU student candidate loses bid for city council

Moss receives fewer than 3 percent of votes from residents

By DANIEL VAUGHAN
Contributing Writer

The MTSU student who campaigned for a seat on the Murfreesboro City Council lost Tuesday, garnering fewer than 3 percent of the votes cast by local residents.

Thomas Conner Moss, junior political science major, received 450 votes in the election, according to the Rutherford County Election Commission, placing him in last place behind the seasoned professionals.

Incumbent councilmen Shane McFarland and Doug Young retained their seats, placing first and second in the race with 3,120 votes and 2,813 votes, respectively. Challenger Madelyn Scales Harris placed third with 2,397 votes, replacing incumbent David Edwards, who finished in fourth place with 2,088 votes.

According to the election commission, 6,660 Murfreesboro residents voted either through early voting sites, absentee ballots or voting precincts on the day of elections.

Moss expressed disappointment in the day's voter turnout.

"I wish [the] turnout was higher," Moss said, "and I'm disappointed people didn't get more involved in the process."

Moss said he believed voters' perceptions about his lack of experience coupled with low voter turnout largely factored into his loss.

Fewer than 12 percent of the more than 59,000 registered Murfreesboro voters cast a ballot for the citywide elections, which also included mayoral and school board elections.

Mayoral candidate Tim Davis unsuccessfully tried to unseat Murfreesboro Mayor Tommy Bragg, and he also expressed disappointment in voter turnout.

"Voter turnout is horrible," said Davis, prior to election results being reported. "All I need is 3,001 votes to be the mayor of 110,000 people — this system favors incumbents."

Moss said he would work on "voter registration efforts on campus and the community" in order to help increase voter participation during



File Photo

Thomas Conner Moss, junior political science major at MTSU, finished last in the Murfreesboro City Council election Tuesday.

future election cycles.

"We need to run at least one voter registration drive on campus a year," Moss said. "That is something I will be working on the next few years at MTSU."

Lisa Almy, sophomore political science major, had a chance to meet Moss before going to the polls and said that although not all MTSU students are residents in the traditional sense, they still contribute to the local community and should have a voice in the city's decision making.

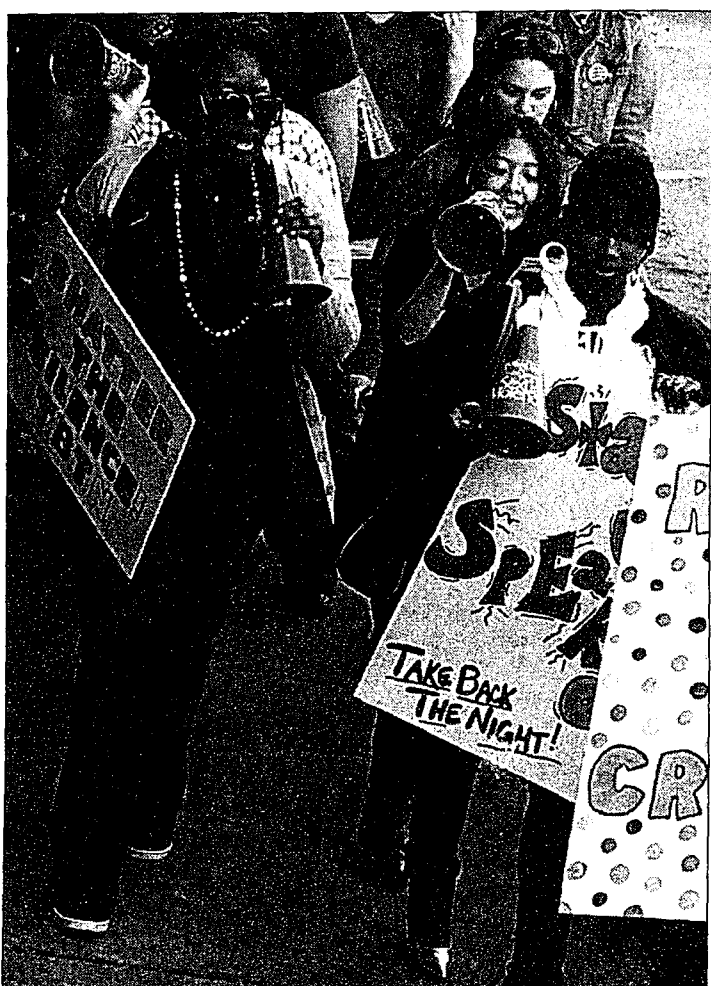
"I think that having an MTSU student on the council would dissipate the stereotype that many have of students," Almy said. "Having a student on the council would show that many MTSU students are looking to stay within the community and actually care about the place they live in."

Robb McDaniel, a 12-year resident of Murfreesboro, spoke with Moss before voting and offered advice to the budding politician.

"I told Moss that the biggest problem he faced going into the election was a constituency that was not traditionally registered in these elections," McDaniel said. "I'm glad he is running because MTSU students do need to be involved in their community."

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Students rally against violence



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Since her freshman year, Lay said she has been a part of the student-lead group Women in Action, which helped put the event together with the June Anderson Women's Center.

There was also an openmic session before the march where people were able to speak about their experiences, read poetry and highlight all of the services available to students if needing help coping with any abuses they may have suffered.

"This is an opportunity to empower and educate," Jordan said. "I don't stand here for myself, I stand for those who can not stand for themselves."

As the group prepared to march around campus, it handed out women's shoes to the men in the group. People put on these heels in order to symbolically "walk

a mile in her shoes."

"I support any efforts they make to stop domestic violence," said Eric Samuels, junior philosophy major. "I can stand looking silly for 10 minutes if it means someone will pay attention."

Shelly Wright, a counselor for college students suffering from abuse, said that Women in Action will continue doing this every April to support sexual assault awareness month.

"High school and college age students are particularly vulnerable," Wright said. "One in four girls deal with abuse by the age of 18."

Wright led the candlelight vigil to close the evening. The event was brought to an end with the lighting of candles to symbolize lighting the struggle of women and the necessity of speaking out against violence.

"When we bring our stories to light we light the road to a safer future," Wright said.

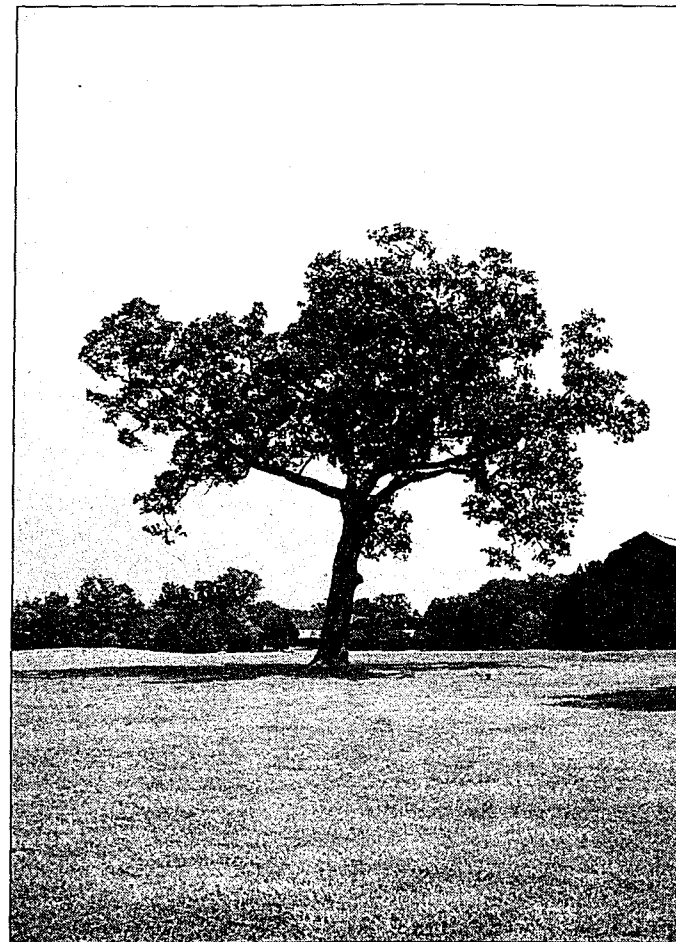


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In an effort to pay tribute to victims of felonies, victims families and Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole, employees planted trees Thursday.

Victims memorialized by planting new life

Parole board holds remembrance ceremony

By GARRETH SPINN
Staff Writer

The Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole observed and paid tribute to victims of felonies to a group of 40 board employees, victims and their families, by planting remembrance trees Thursday.

Charles Traugher, chairman of the Board of Probation and Parole, planted the hardwood sapling at the board's Murfreesboro office. An attached placard indicated it was a memorial to individuals victimized by crime in the local community.

The Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole is a seven-member board that decides if lawbreakers will be released from incarceration and given parole on a community-based supervision.

"Victim input is an important part of parole consideration," Traugher said in a press release Thursday. "Our victim coordinators guide crime victims through the parole process."

Traugher said victims' families are provided help with filling out impact statements, notified and guided through the parole-hearing process.

"Victims can even testify via video, if that meets their needs," Traugher said.

Ruth Burrus, victim

witness coordinator for the board, has worked for the BOPP for 20 years and has worked for the state of Tennessee for 25 years as support service for victims.

"I talk to a lot of the victims, because they just need someone to talk to," Burrus said about her years of service helping crime victims.

Burrus has been coordinating tree plantings in all of the Board of Probation and Parole Board eight districts: Memphis, Nashville, Knoxville, Jackson, Chattanooga, Kingsport, Dyersburg and Clarksville. Each tree represents a different parole and probation district.

Bob Duffey, deputy district director of the board, said while the Murfreesboro crime rate has relatively decreased, the community's population has substantially increased. As a result, the area is likely to see more criminals committing felonies.

"There are 7,200 felony offenders in Murfreesboro and [at the board], we're trying to make them aware of what they're doing to these victims," Duffey said.

"Victim input is important in the parole process," Traugher said. "Victim coordinators guide crime victims through the parole process."

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Congressional primary visits MTSU

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Chelsea Curtis, president of the Raider Republicans, said despite the low student turnout, she thought the event was a success because of how many people from the MTSU community came to hear the primary candidates.

"I couldn't have asked for a better moderator," said Curtis, junior political science major, adding that she was pleased all of the Republican candidates attended.

Participants had two minutes to introduce themselves and two minutes to answer each of the five questions asked by the moderator.

Among the topics discussed, the candidates disagreed about issues involving government mandates of education.

"I'm a true advocate of vouchers, and I believe any federal dollars that come should not come with ties or strings that come back to Tennesseans, any federal dollars should come as block grants," Zelenik said about her plans for education if elected.

While Zelenik and Black both agreed that vouchers are the best way for the government to address education funding, Roberts disagreed.

"I am pro-voucher, pro-credit, something like that - but I'm not really in favor of the system, because I believe the Department of Education needs to go," Roberts said concerning the federal level expectations teachers are held to.

"Let's keep the money here," Roberts said. "I think it will dramatically improve our schools. Untie the hands of teachers and administrators and let them do what is in the best interest of our children."

Tracy and Mann both said they agree the Department of Education is not the best way to facilitate Americans' education.

All of the candidates came to the consensus it is important for America to remain a presence in the War Against Terror.

Evans, who has served 41 years in the

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JIM TRACY
TENNESSEE STATE SENATOR

U.S. Military, said that he believes the fight against terrorism is one that must continue to be executed.

"We must deal with the terrorism, and we must deal with it wherever that terrorism has its center of gravity, and today we see those centers in both Iraq and Afghanistan," Evans said. "If we are not fighting terrorism there, then there will be more attacks on our homes."

It is in our best efforts to be aggressive and seek our support and assistance from NATO allies requiring them to carry their

load in this worldwide fight against terrorism."

Tracy expressed similar sentiments.

"You can count on me to stand up and push hard against the administration with a string backbone and tell them we need to fight back for this country," Tracy said.

Roberts said the War on Terror is a "jihad," and it is important for Americans to know who their enemies are in the conflict.

"We have to wake up - we have to call it what it is and we have to deal with it," Roberts said.

Continuing the discussion on foreign policy, the forum participants were asked what their stance was regarding the DREAM Act and other immigration policies.

"The DREAM Act is absolutely the wrong thing to do," Tracy said. "We're going to have to be tough and be strong against illegal [immigrants]."

We need to get right back to our basics, we've got to protect our borders and finish the wall."

Mann said that while he is not soft on illegal immigration he does think some sort of policy for young illegal immigrants who entered the United States as children with their parents, should be available.

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Restructuring proposal finalized

RESTRUCTURING FROM PAGE 1

Diane Miller, interim executive vice president and provost, submitted the Proposal for Restructuring Colleges on April 1, and McPhee's formal response was not slated for release until May 1.

"Throughout the course of this process, I was asked many times why we were considering the possibility of making changes to our existing college structure," McPhee said in the presidential report. "Although this process resulted in a considerable amount of spirited dialogue and debate about how, or even if, we should reorganize our colleges - it, more importantly, provided a much-needed opportunity for us to consider the growing needs of our university."

During an interview Friday, McPhee elaborated on the college restructuring process.

Among the recommendations that were approved by McPhee last week were the departments of communication disorders, leadership studies, early childhood education, and professional counseling. Those departments are the only programs that will be relocated.

The department of communication disorders will be a part of the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences,

formerly known as the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, and the leadership studies program will be housed in the College of Business.

Early childhood education and professional counseling will be absorbed into the new College of Education along with all of the education-related programs that currently are a part of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

McPhee rejected an original recommendation to split apart the College of Liberal Arts and merge various de-

"I wanted to make it clear from the beginning, the academic structure was not necessarily connected to reducing the budget."

SIDNEY MCPHEE
PRESIDENT OF MTSU

partments within the College of Basic and Applied Sciences and the College of Mass Communication.

McPhee said as he looked at the recommendations made by the provost, he had to consider several factors.

"I wanted to make it clear from the beginning, the academic structure was not necessarily connected to reducing the budget," McPhee said. "That was one of those clear messages we wanted to get across."

Of those factors, he listed three that

were of upmost importance: the extent of general support by faculty and staff, how much of a disruption any change would cause, and if the cost outweighed the benefits with those proposed changes.

The majority of approved recommendations have been administrative, McPhee said, but a massive overhaul of departments within the College of Liberal Arts would have directly affected students.

"Part of this whole review is that even though we have to reduce our budget, looking five to 10 years down the road, how do we position MTSU to continue to be a strong academic institution," McPhee said. "In that light, how should we look academically?"

Despite earlier perceptions and the subsequent student protests during the spring of 2009, McPhee emphasized that although there was a correlation between budget cuts and college restructuring it was not the primary motive behind it.

He said the university had not examined the structure of each college for 20 years.

"This initiative was not focused exclusively on budget cutting," McPhee said. "The reality is, however, we have to deal with a \$34 million reduction in our budget by July 2011."

We have gone through the whole process of identifying areas of the budget that we're going to reduce to get to that \$34 million."

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State expects \$1.4 billion from marijuana

Californians could vote to legalize its use



Krissy Mallory
Es lo que ella dijo
(That's what she said)

Marijuana legalization will be on California's ballot this November. The state is faced with a \$20 billion deficit. Advocates for legalization in California expect that legalizing, regulating and taxing marijuana will raise \$1.4 billion for the state.

If the law passes, it will be legal for those at least 21 years old to possess or use marijuana. It would only be legal to possess up to an ounce. Driving while under the influence, usage in front of minors and drug possession on school grounds would be prohibited.

I daresay I'm not alone in thinking that not only Cali-

fornia's economy but also our nation's economy could use a bit of stimulation.

This year, the national drug control budget is \$15 billion. The Office of National Drug Control Policy has requested \$15.5 billion for 2011. This budget includes funds for community law enforcement, rehabilitation programs and preventative measures, such as advertising campaigns. It does not include the amount spent each year to imprison drug offenders.

Of course, with the legalization of marijuana, not all of this would be saved due to efforts to deter more serious drugs, such as cocaine and

heroin, but a substantial amount would be saved.

The National Drug Control Strategy Data Supplement released from the White House in 2009 documented more than 14 million drug related arrests in 2007. Marijuana possession accounted for nearly 6 million of these arrests. The time spared by law enforcement by not arresting people for marijuana posses-

sion could be spent devoted to things that pose a greater threat to civilians.

Opponents of the movement argue that the legalization of marijuana would generate more users. In a study released in the American Journal of Public Health in 2004 that compared marijuana usage in San Francisco to usage in Amsterdam, where the possession of cannabis is decriminalized, decriminalization did not raise the amount of users.

In Amsterdam, 38 percent of survey participants had not smoked marijuana in the past year, while 32 percent of participants in San Francisco hadn't.

The study, The Limited Relevance of Drug Policy: Cannabis in Amsterdam and in San Francisco, surveyed 4,364 individuals who had smoked at least 25 times in their lifetime. The survey also revealed that

fewer people had used more severe drugs, such as cocaine, crack, amphetamines, ecstasy and opiates, in Amsterdam than in San Francisco. This could be because those purchasing marijuana legally stand less of a risk of being exposed to other drugs that illegal dealers may sell.

Cannabis legalization at a state level would raise a new issue: the inconsistency of state law versus federal law.

This issue was recently called to attention after a medical marijuana grower in Denver was federally charged with illegal cultivation, though he was insistent that he was compliant with state laws. According to the Denver Post, federal prosecutors said the grower, Chris Bartkowicz, had more plants than the state law allowed. Prosecutors also point-

ed out that federal law trumps state law regardless of Bartkowicz's compliance with state legislation. Federal interference with state law could increase with legalized possession in California.

If California legalizes marijuana, it could be the beginning of new legislation in other states. Since California became the first state to legalize medical marijuana in 1996, 14 states have followed.

In November, Californians will make their opinions known. Until then, national groups that support legalization will encourage others to donate to their cause — \$4.20 at a time.

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Legalize it...commercial gambling that is

Resulting taxes would benefit Tennessee just as they have Nevada and 11 other states

The federal government has attempted to subsidize hurting industries by throwing money at them and hoping that economical problems will simply go away.

These shortsighted decisions are pushing the United States deeper into debt while at the same time failing to assist the country in the long run.

Creating more permanent and less costly systems of generating tax revenues is one possible way to help not only the current economy, but also future economies. One such possibility — simply allowing commercial gambling to take place — is something that I strongly support for Tennessee. I believe it would help generate large amounts of tax revenues in the state, as well as show other states where it is also illegal that this is one thing that will help keep schools educating, roads functioning and parks beautiful.

Tennessee law defines gambling as "risking anything of value for a profit whose return is to any degree contingent on chance, not including lawful business transactions." While gambling devices are illegal in the state, licensed horse racing and Tennessee's lottery system are legal. "And don't forget, the largest volume of legal gambling today takes place on the stock market," George Ignatin, a professor of economics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, told the school's magazine.

It seems quite contradictory for Tennessee's politicians to say they are allowed to operate the monopolistic, statewide casino that is the state's lottery while also saying commercial gambling companies cannot exist.

One rationalization, perhaps, is based on a moral reasoning that says money should be spent on something more wisely than gambling, especially by lower-class citizens. This argument is contradictory of the state's lottery and further flawed because the lower



Michael Stone
From the opinions editor

class has plenty more legalized addictions and nonessentials to choose from already: alcohol, drugs, etc. Like with alcohol specifically, the free-market decision to gamble or not to gamble should be left to the individual, not the government.

Whether morality is an issue or not, no one can deny the financial advantages of gambling. In big, bold letters across the Tennessee Lottery's website reads the phrase: "More than \$1.6 billion raised for education," which equals to about a \$230 million annual average since its 2003 inception.

In 2008, the 12 states where commercial gambling is legal collectively generated \$5.66 billion in tax revenue from casinos, according to the American Gaming Association. State revenues ranged from South Dakota's \$15.4 million to Nevada's \$924.5 million; gambling taxes contribute to one-third of all of Nevada's general taxes.

"The revenue from those taxes benefits education, public safety, eco-

nomics development, and infrastructure improvements, among other state and local programs," the AGA's website states.

The amount of gambling revenues depend on how long commercial gambling has been legal, the amount of casinos that have been built, and state tax rates on gambling. Basically, Tennessee is sitting on a gold mine that could assist with all of the budgetary slashing that is taking place. And all the state has to do is merely pass legislation, albeit a drawn-out and painstaking process, that would legalize commercial gambling.

'Water under the bridge'

Every night across Tennessee, gambling laws are essentially broken as friends and acquaintances circle around poker tables and play the made-popular-by-TV game Texas Hold 'Em.

Since social gambling is illegal in the state, these lawbreakers could, hypothetically, be charged with misdemeanors. Though hard statistics on social gambling tend to be merely estimates since it's done under the radar, it's common knowledge among many Americans that it happens and it happens a lot.

Sometimes, though, illegal gambling is done in clear public view on gaming machines at gas stations in Tennessee, even with police present, according to a 2008 article by The Murfreesboro Pulse.

Tax revenue from gambling by state (2008)

State	Revenue*
Colorado	\$88.4
Illinois	\$566.8
Indiana	\$838.2
Iowa	\$324
Louisiana	\$626.3
Michigan	\$321.6
Mississippi	\$326.9
Missouri	\$442.8
Nevada	\$924.5
New Jersey	\$426.8
Pennsylvania	\$766.6
South Dakota	\$15.4

Source: American Gaming Association *in millions
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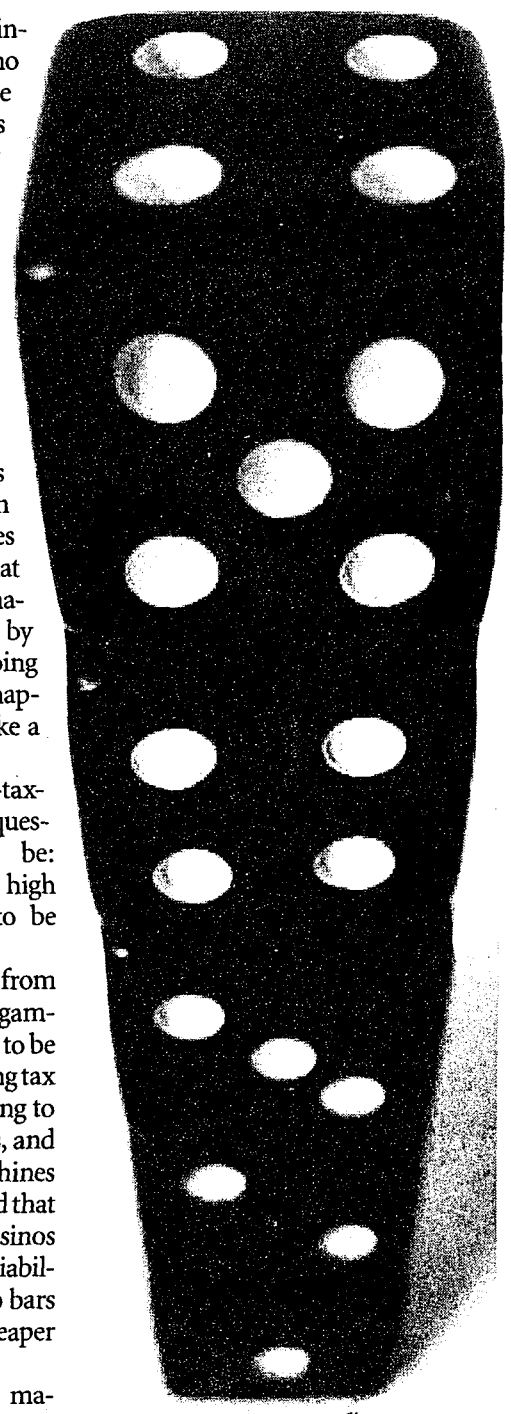


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Attention MTSU students: Pass your collegiate expertise onto incoming freshmen

Customs orientation is right around the corner, and that means hoards of new students will be flocking to MTSU all summer long.

Many of them have no clue what they're getting into as far as college is concerned, but we want to help them find out beforehand. If you

have any advice that you wish you had heard as a freshman, e-mail it to slopinio@mtsu.edu for possible publication in Sidelines' Customs issue.

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Create less costly ways to generate tax revenue

GAMBLING FROM PAGE 4

If commercial gambling was legalized in Tennessee, casinos would have to obtain permits and go through recertification processes, and gambling laws, as they are in states where it is legal, would have to be very strict.

Nevada, for example, has extensive and very specific laws, which are controlled by the Nevada Gaming Commission and the State Gaming Control Board.

Since Nevada was a pioneer in legalizing commercial gambling, doing so in 1931 in an effort to help the state financially during the Great Depression, it would be wise for Tennessee lawmakers to confer with Nevada gambling officials regarding the necessary moves required for running the most well-oiled casino system possible. That way, as Tennessee is structuring its ordinances, permits and regulation techniques, it can do so quickly, correctly, efficiently and at less of a taxpayer expense.

While commercial gambling facilities in Tennessee would provide a place for patrons to feel the rush of slot machines, blackjack and roulette, it's also important to remember the jobs that would be created through casinos and the departments that monitor them.

Further, if Tennessee were to legalize commercial gambling, it would, as it has done for Las Vegas, increase tourism levels. Since Tennessee borders six states where casinos are illegal – Mississippi and Missouri beat the Volunteer State to the punch – Southern gamblers, honeymooners and tourists alike would think more before throwing away the Tennessee travel brochure.

Lawmakers might argue, though, that since cities like Las Vegas, which attracted more than 51 million visitors in 2007, cycle through large amounts of tourists, crime rates would increase due to these influxes. FBI data from 2007 offers a contrary perspective to that rational, for it was that year in which Las Vegas' crime rates were lower than many other popular tourist destinations, including Nashville.

After all, who goes on a vacation to create mayhem for the host city? I would assume that most tourists would not spend big bucks for travel, lodging, etc. to run the risk of being arrested.

It's important to remember also that anytime a place has a tightly packed population, crime is going to happen regardless of that location's industries.

It's a no-brainer.

To some, the decision to legalize commercial gambling in Tennessee may be a no-brainer. The millions of dollars worth of tax benefits from in-state and out-of-state tourism are just waiting to be discovered.

Since the Tennessee lottery's 2003 inception, state politicians can no longer hide behind issues of morality; the state needs this new source of tax revenue and it needs it now.

Of course, if all states began jumping on the gambling bandwagon, the attraction and need for tourists to travel to Tennessee for a legal casino would fall. This is why Tennessee needs to act now so it will not be left in the dust.

Millions of dollars would be turned into tax revenues from its legalization, more jobs would be created, and our state would feel less of a financial burden during bad economic times and would be able to create more prosperity during good ones.

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A QUICK WORD

From the opinions editor

According to Tennessee Board of Regents' policy: "Any person who has served as the president of an institution under the Board of Regents for a period of not less than ten (10) years and has attained the age of sixty (60) while being employed by the Board may, upon approval of the Board, be retired as President Emeritus of the institution where he/she served a minimum of ten (10) years. For presidents hired after September 1, 2002, this will be an honorary title earned through service with no material benefit other than the honor associated with its granting. Only for presidents hired prior to September 2002, an annual salary of twenty percent (20 percent) of his/her last year's salary... may be paid."

President Sidney McPhee was hired in 2001, making him eligible for the bonus. He'll have met the 10-year requirement after the 2011-2012 school year, and it will be about another five years after that until he's met the required age limit.

If he was able to take the bonus right now, it would equate to about \$52,000 a year.

I'm glad the TBR fixed this policy to where a "president emeritus" doesn't receive a financial bonus. To me, this represents undeserved earnings and spending.

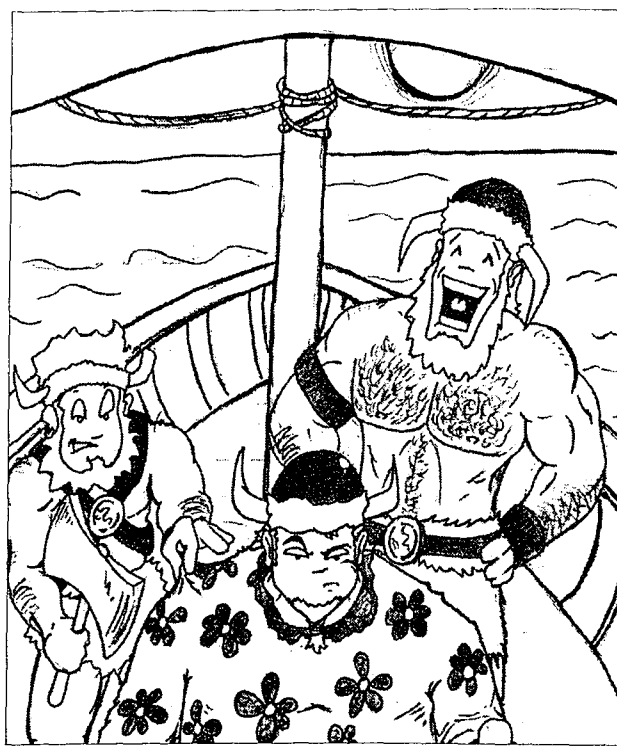
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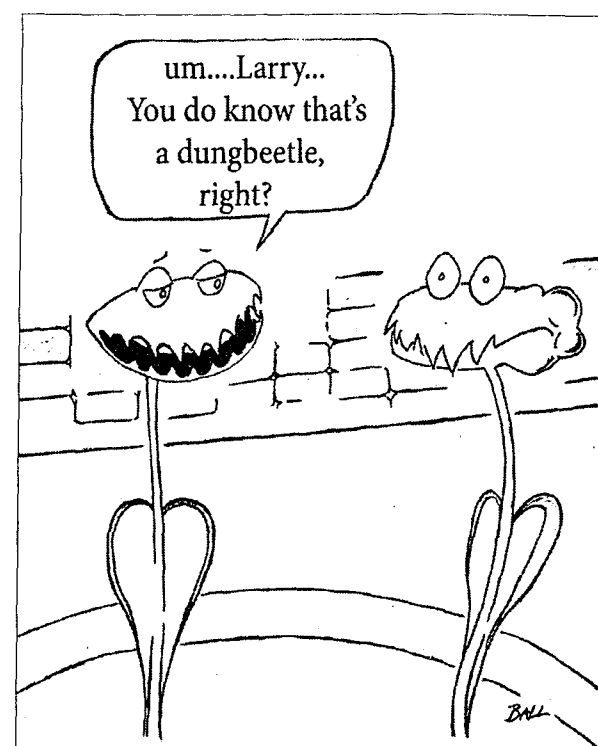
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The finer things...



"Ulrik hated when his wife would knit him a new sweater"

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After college, what's next?

Work hard during life's roller coaster and you will succeed

There are mindsets that are very important for you to reflect on.

For example, when you graduate from college and venture out to the "real world," will you have the positive energy and mindset of a winner? Or will you be a pessimist and expect the worst?

You must choose to set and achieve your own specific life plan – most people refer to this as goals – and you have to be able to recognize the process to achieve these goals.

Many people have goals but very few follow through with the systematic sequence of simple actions necessary to realize the potential outcome.

Just imagine life being like a rollercoaster – follow me, take a deep breath, let it out and again once more. Roller coasters are perhaps one of the most thrilling of all rides at entertainment parks.

You see yourself strapped in and ready to launch. As the coaster powers the upward incline, your heart



Tim Johnson
The virtual truth

starts to beat faster and stronger, while at the same time you experience those "wonderful butterflies" dancing in your stomach.

On the way up, you see the "beautiful blue sky," and you're so high above the ground you feel as if you can touch the clouds. Your mind races with thoughts of joy and happiness.

You've finally reached the top, and as the coaster pauses for a brief moment, you deeply breathe in, breath-out...your heart races and pounds your chest like the beat of a thousand drums, the anticipation reaches a point of "pure exhilaration."

Suddenly, the coaster drops at the "speed of light-

ning." You raise your arms and "scream" to the top of your lungs with excitement. The coaster continues to race around the turn with blinding speed and into a straightaway.

The way life compares to a roller coaster is that life has plenty of high and happy moments, as well as some low moments. The thrill in the ride of life is minimizing the low moments while enjoying and maximizing the highs: excitement, laughter, peace, joy, romance, wonder, discovery, nature, true unconditional love and all the other precious gifts that life has to offer.

Are you allowing the "circumstances of life" to dictate how you live, and the decisions you make?

Are you looking for obstacles to keep you down, or are you looking for opportunities to raise you up? We all have to make decisions that will affect things in a positive or negative way. You can choose to change the way you think by opening your mind to new pos-

sibilities and determine priorities to do what needs to be done.

You can choose to do nothing, and let things stay the way they are. This is the easiest choice because it involves being mentally and physically lazy.

The result of this choice is having the wrong priorities and making bad decisions. This leads to bad consequences, ensuring chaos and poverty to the next generation.

Right now, I could be doing any number of fun activities, but this is more important – writing this information for you is priority.

Look, my mindset is this: If I help enough people accomplish their goals, dreams and desires, then I will be rewarded accordingly.

This is the mindset of a "winner." This is the mindset of a "champion" in life.

What's your mindset?

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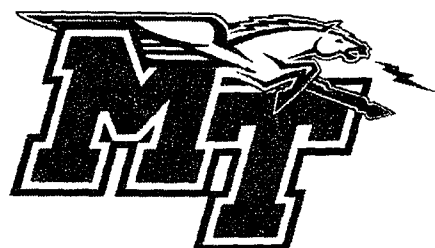
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MT's McCoy taken in seventh round of NFL Draft

Staff Report

Former Blue Raider defensive end Chris McCoy is heading to the NFL after being drafted in the seventh round, 212th overall Saturday by the Miami Dolphins.

The 2009 Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Year joins another former Blue Raider, defensive end Erik Walden, who signed there after being released by the Dallas Cowboys, who drafted him in the sixth round in 2008.

The Villa Rica, Ga., native had 64 tackles in 2009 to go with seven sacks. McCoy's most notable performance of 2009 came against Maryland, where he made nine tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, a fumble recovery and even a blocked field goal.

McCoy will give the Dolphins some depth at the defensive line, who finished the 2009 season 7-9 and third in the AFC East. The team was ranked 22nd in the league in total defense, while ranked 24th against the pass and 18th against the run.

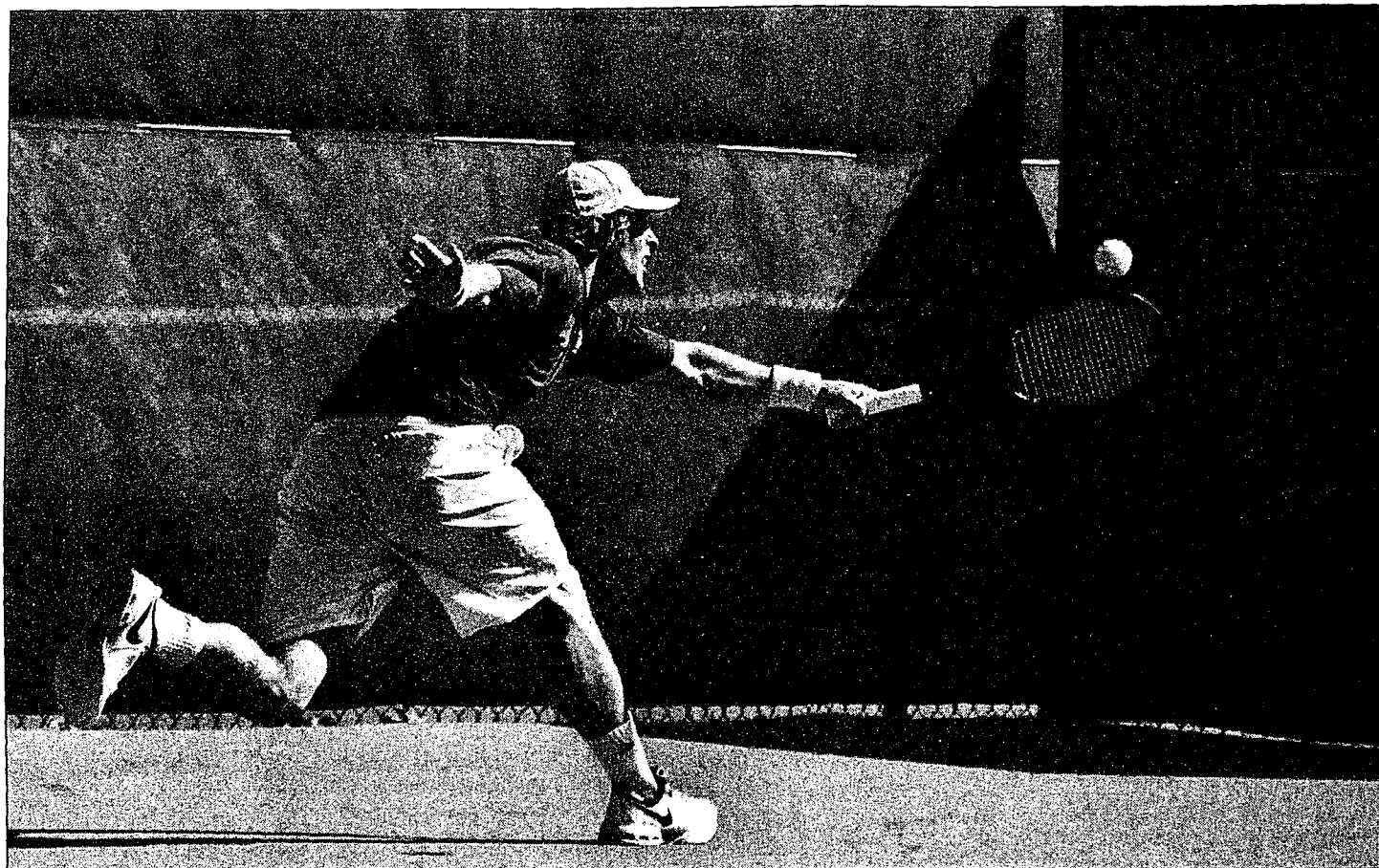


Photo by Jay Bailey, photography editor
Brazilian-born MTSU men's tennis player Victor Melo, sophomore, returns a serve against East Tennessee State University on March 28.

Denver ends Blue Raider men's season

MTSU Dispatch

The season concluded for the Blue Raider men's tennis team Saturday as the team fell 4-1 to the University of Denver in the semi-finals of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament in New Orleans.

No. 34 John Peers managed to earn the only point for the Blue Raiders, defeating Denver's Yannick Weihs in dominant fashion, taking straight 6-1 sets.

The Pioneers began the match by taking the doubles point, with the first pairing of Andrew Landwerlen and David Simpson eking out a tough 9-7 win over Peers and No. 87 Kyle Wishing. The Blue Raiders answered with Victor Melo and Matthew Langley disposing

of Denver's Weihs and Jens Workfield, but couldn't secure the point as Richard Cowden and Shaun Waters fell to Fabio Biasion and Enej Bonin 8-4.

"Going into the match we knew it would be tough," head coach David McNamara said. "The doubles point proved to be the telling tale. We had an opportunity at one doubles being up 6-3 and break point. We had another opportunity at 6-5. However, to Denver's credit, they played well."

In singles competition, a dominant performance by Landwerlen, defeating MT's Wishing 6-2 and 6-0 in straight sets, Cowden retiring from his match in the second set due to injury, and Waters falling to Denver's Bonin 6-4 in both sets sealed the win for the Pioneers.

The Blue Raiders finish the season 7-20, a perhaps misleading record as

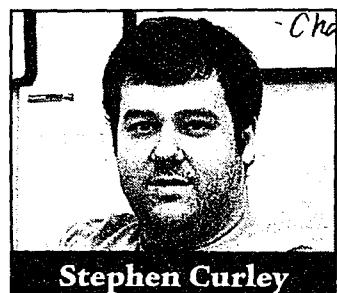
the team's tough schedule included 15 ranked opponents. Peers finished with a 19-4 record, earning the Melbourne, Australia, native a ranking of 34th in the nation.

"There are certainly some positives from today that makes me excited for next year," McNamara said. "This year has been a big learning and growing year for everyone. There are going to be some changes made that will help the future of this program."

Peers will compete in the NCAA Individual Championships in May, and the pairing of Peers and Melo will soon find out if they will compete in the NCAA Doubles Championships.

John has earned the right, so I am looking forward to the opportunity he will have in a month," McNamara said.

NFL draft creates buzz, confusion



Stephen Curley
Useless Information

The NFL draft has always been a gamble, no matter how sure scouts and "experts" are, one way or another, about a pick.

The 2010 edition will be no different, but that doesn't mean we can't debate over which teams hit the jackpot, and which teams may need to think about front office restructuring pretty soon.

Can anybody explain to me what's going on in Denver? Head coach Josh McDaniels gets there a year ago, then trades pro bowl quarterback Jay Cutler and all-pro receiver Brandon Marshall for picks that turn into solid running back Knowshon Moreno, receiver Demaryius Thomas and

quarterback Tim Tebow.

Yes, McDaniels clearly isn't afraid to build a team the way he wants to. But the way he wants to build a team certainly isn't looking like the right way so far. Especially when your reasoning for taking Thomas ahead of clear No. 1 receiver Dez Bryant is because he "reminded him of Brandon Marshall." Maybe somebody should remind McDaniels that he had the real one

Tebow may develop into something worth-while, but if this many scouts have all said the same thing, that his mechanical and tangible issues are just too much to overcome at the speed the pro game is played at, then I'm inclined to agree with them.

The pick would have been fine if it came in the late second or third round, but 25th overall, and before a much more le-

gitimate pro prospect in Jimmy Clausen, is a reach at best.

They're not the only team that people simply can't figure out, though. The Buffalo Bills and Jacksonville Jaguars should have fans of either team scratching their heads, as the Jags reached at No. 10 to get California defensive tackle Tyson Alualu, certainly a first round talent but likely would have been on the board later on if the Jaguars could have found a way to trade down.



MYRON ROLLE, SAFETY
SIXTH ROUND SELECTION BY TENNESSEE TITANS

From a local standpoint, the Titans and fans should be absolutely thrilled that Georgia Tech defensive end Derrick Morgan slid to No.

16 in the first round. Morgan was above and beyond the best end in this class, a position of dire need for the team now that Kyle Vanden Bosch is gone.

Drafting safety Myron Rolle in the sixth round

may end up being a defining move. Had the Rhodes Scholar played his senior year at Florida State, he very well could have gone three or four rounds earlier.

The Oakland Raiders might have had one of the most competent drafts out of any team in the league, which should prompt many to wonder if the staff locked owner Al Davis in a closet for three days.

Former Alabama linebacker Rolando McClain can start right away to help on defense, value picks Bruce Campbell and Jared Veldheer can shore up the offensive line, and then finally bringing in an at least serviceable quarterback in Jason Campbell. The Raiders' weekend marked a departure from previous strategies of going after the flashiest player possible. Instead, every move was sensible.

While nobody will know anything certain about this class for several years, the draft weekend is a good barometer of which teams are heading in the right direction, and which teams need to re-think their building strategy.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell sets "higher standard"

By ORRIN MCULLOUGH
Contributing Writer

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has seen and created much change since he was selected to lead the league in August 2006.

He is probably most well known for his creation and aggressive enforcement of the NFL's relatively new personal conduct policy, announced in April 2007.

Several players have been suspended from NFL participation due to their inability to comply with Goodell's policy. Some of these players include Brandon Marshall, Rodney Harrison, Marshawn Lynch, Larry Johnson, Tank Johnson, Chris Henry, Rocky Bernard, Michael Vick and Donte Stallworth.

Adam "Pacman" Jones was the first player to be punished by Goodell. Jones was suspended for the entire 2007 season and part of 2008 for numerous off-field scandals. Jones was interviewed by police on 10 different occasions between being drafted and his suspension.

Goodell's most recent action under this policy was the suspension of Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who was accused of sexual assaults by a 20-year-old woman in Georgia a few weeks ago.

Despite allegations made by the young woman and several of her friends, Georgia police found that there was not sufficient evidence to charge Roethlisberger. Although Roethlisberger was not found guilty of any crimes, Goodell felt it necessary to take action. Roethlisberger has been suspended for the first six games of the 2010 season.

"In your six years in the NFL you have first excited, and now disappointed a great many people," Goodell said in a statement to Roethlisberger. "I urge you to take full advantage of this opportunity to get your life and career back on track."

Many feel that Goodell has done an effective job of protecting the NFL's reputation, as well as the reputation of NFL players, coaches, and owners alike. There are also those who feel that Goodell has failed to draw a clear line showing what crimes are punishable to what measure.

In August of 2007, Goodell suspended Dallas Cowboys quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson and former New England Patriots safety Rodney Harrison for substance abuse. Wilson received a six game suspension while Harrison escaped with only a five game suspension. Goodell said that Wilson received a stiffer penalty because the league held "people in authority in higher regard than people on the field."

Miami Dolphins wide receiver Brandon Marshall was suspended for three games in 2008, while with the Denver Broncos following domestic disputes with one of Marshall's former girlfriends.

Many may argue whether or not Marshall's three-game suspension measures to Roethlisberger's six games. Fans may ask, "Is a domestic dispute only half the crime of an alleged rape?" This also begs the question of whether Roethlisberger was punished for his alleged actions or for the negative position he put himself in.

Did these players damage their personal reputation and the reputation of their teams more by being accused of a crime or participating in actions that show a lack of morals and better judgment?

Goodell defends his actions by saying that NFL players are held to a higher standard due to their influence on fans across America. As they should be, Mr. Goodell.

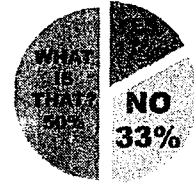
Major suspensions under Goodell

NFL players suspended since 2007	
Adam "Pacman" Jones (Tennessee Titans)	2007 season Suspended - April 10, 2007
Chris Henry (Cincinnati Bengals)	8 games of 2007 season Suspended - April 10, 2007
Terry "Tank" Johnson (Chicago Bears)	10 games of 2007 season Suspended - April 10, 2007
Michael Vick (Atlanta Falcons)	August 24, 2007 thru July 27, 2009
Adam "Pacman" Jones (Dallas Cowboys)	Indefinitely Suspended - October 14, 2008
Donte Stallworth (Cleveland Browns)	Entire 2009 season Suspended - August 13, 2009
Ben Roethlisberger (Pittsburgh Steelers)	6 games of 2010 season Suspended - April 21, 2010

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The intriguing sound of 'silence'

Students rave on as campus life continues uninterrupted

By STEVEN QUALLS
Contributing Writer

Blasting light in various colors swirling all around you, intense beats jumping your heart in a syncopated rhythm, the constant pulse of fun echoes all around you – but no one else can hear it.

Students and faculty alike were encouraged to put down their pencils and dance to the beat of their own headphones as the MTSU quad played host to a silent disco last Tuesday.

Sponsored by the MTSU variety committee under student programming, the silent disco provided students the opportunity to let loose in a unique, as well as quiet, way.

More importantly, it provided MTSU professors with the luxury of being able to teach their classes without having to worry about the deafening sound of bass disrupting their riveting lectures.

"We're never allowed to throw concerts out in the quad because of the sound ordinances," says Jason Huber, president of the variety committee. "But it's a perfect venue to throw a concert, with the high traffic and on a gorgeous day like this."

Local disc jockeys, including Beat Repeat and DJ Schtompa, provided the music for all who partook in the silent disco between noon and 6 p.m. All of the DJs who performed donated their time to give students a free concert.

"All of the DJ's are doing it for free," Huber says. "So that's definitely a big deal for us."

Becoming ever more popular thanks to its yearly appearance at major music festivals such as Bonnaroo, the silent disco provided students with a much-needed break from the end of semester stress.



Photo by Chris Donahue, staff photographer
MTSU students danced and partied at the silent disco on Tuesday, April 20, on the The Quad.

"It just felt really good to get in there and move a little," Dana Lallavee says, a senior recording industry major. "I had never done anything like that on campus – for once, I didn't hate that I had to be on campus all day."

Headphones were provided to student attendees, and with two channels feeding in to the headphones simultaneously, dancers were treated to a little bit of variety.

"They've got an A/B switch and a

volume knob on them, and they're all wireless," Huber says. "They're all coming off of a transmitter at the top of the tent."

The two channels allowed two DJs to spin at once while listeners got to

select which one to listen to.

While the two channels provided listeners with multiple options, it was the far-reaching range of the headphones that gave all of those who participated in the disco room to roam.

"They have a pretty gigantic range," Huber says. "They actually reach inside all of the buildings around here."

Students couldn't help but take advantage of this, wearing them around campus and adding a little more excitement to their classes.

"I've had these headphones on pretty much all day," Lallavee says. "I took them to my 1:00 class, my 2:40 class, and I will probably take them to my 4:25 class – my professors have not said a thing."

For some, the concept of a group of people dancing to music no one else can hear is intriguing and entertaining.

"To me, it's always been about walking by and seeing a whole bunch of people dancing and not hearing any music," says Matt Petree, senior basic and applied sciences major who performed at the disco under his DJ name Petree. "Everybody's going 'what's going on here;' they investigate it further and figure out it's a silent party."

Lallavee agrees that getting the opportunity to jam out to some local DJs while still attending class is always a great idea.

"The music is great and it's a beautiful day outside," Lallavee says. "But I will be the first one to admit that it's all about the party-like atmosphere."

Whatever reason participants chose to give as to why the silent disco was special to them, one thing remains clear. For six hours, MTSU students were dancing to the sounds of silence.

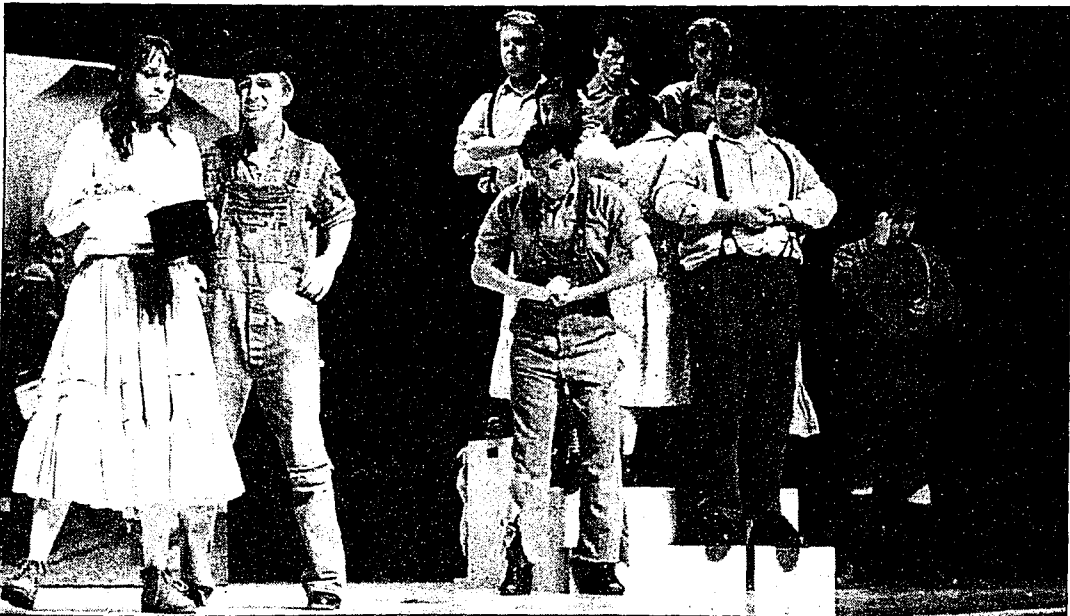
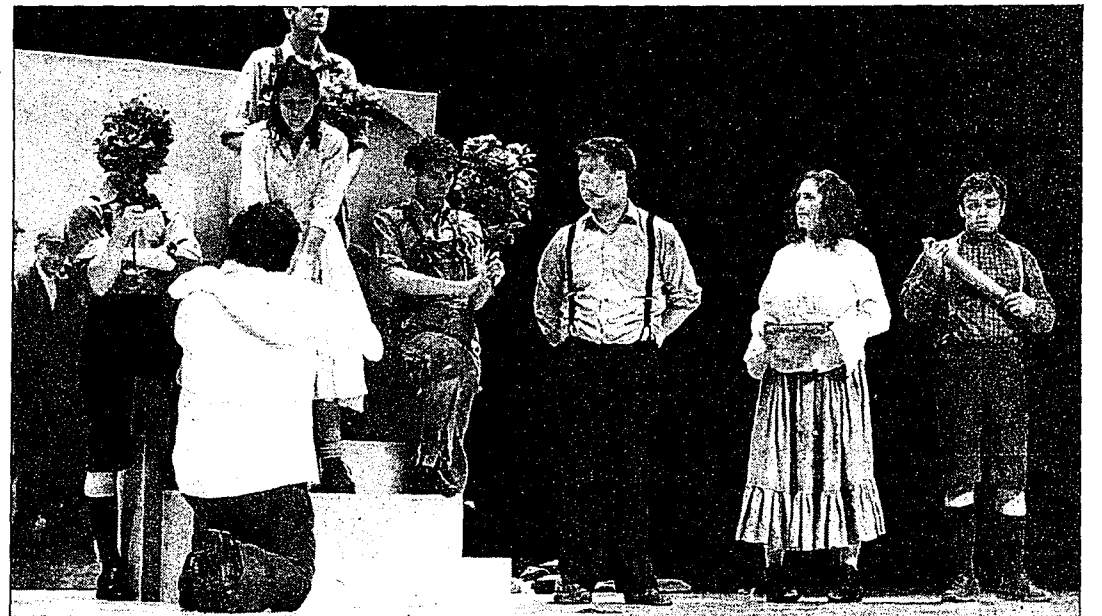


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MTSU theater students, who organically created the entire script and score, perform in the last public showing of 'Appalachian Roots' before the begin a tour of six shows in Northern Ireland.



Theater students revive their 'Appalachian Roots'

By EMMA EGLI
Features Editor

It doesn't take much to capture a child's attention. However, maintaining it is another story entirely. For the 11-member cast of "Appalachian Roots," a play centering on folktales in a coal mining community, keeping their audience enthralled during the 75-minute show isn't a challenge.

Looking around the audience – a mixture of children, young adults and parents – everyone is completely enthralled with the actors' performance at the Theatre at Patterson Park. And it's quite obvious that the actors are feeding off the positive responses radiating from their spectators.

But the challenge lies in what the student cast will be doing next – taking their show to Ireland to perform for children in poverty-stricken areas during the summer.

"I wanted to go somewhere where there's a little more need for something like this," says Jetta Halladay, theater professor and director who is making this opportunity possible.

Thanks in part to funding from a faculty research grant, undergraduate research grants, the Tennessee Arts Commission, study abroad department, college of liberal arts and the speech and theatre department, the cast will be performing six shows in

Northern Ireland.

This isn't your average run-of-the-mill theater production. Not only are the actors bringing to life the roles of the charming children they play in "Appalachian Roots," it's the hard work they put into writing the script themselves that makes the show so remarkable.

"They started doing research last summer and the beginning of fall semester on stories and conditions living in Appalachia," Halladay says. "We decided to set it in the 1920s in a one-room schoolhouse in East Tennessee."

The play revolves around a group of children who are in the middle of rehearsing their spring program they plan on performing for their parents. Just as they begin acting out the folk tales, the coal mine sirens sound – a signal that there has been an accident in the mines where their fathers work.

"They keep practicing their spring program, but now the story and the music take on a different meaning," Halladay says. "It strengthens them and prepares them for what's to come."

The group has performed for more than 1,500 children in elementary schools across Tennessee since the fall, every time adapting the show to the space they are performing in.

"The fun part about this show is playing in different spaces," Halladay says. "We have to change the show for every new space, so it's re-

ally good for the actors to be able to do that."

Halladay looked to professional Appalachian singer and teaching artist Carol Ponder for advice on making the show authentic. After collaborating, Halladay asked Ponder to be in the production and take the role of the schoolteacher.

"I grew up in Appalachia and my family has been in the mountains of North Carolina since the 1700s," Ponder says. "A lot of these stories have roots in Irish stories."

With singsong stories like "Opossum," a tale about a self-admiring opossum that learns an unfortunate lesson about being vain, and "Whitebear Whittington," an Appalachian version of Beauty and the Beast, children get to sing along and participate with the cast.

"All the teachers have said they weren't sure if their kids would sit still for an hour and 15 minutes," says Elizabeth Williams, senior theatre performance major and actress in the play. "But every single child just sits there and stares intently."

Halladay says she and the rest of the cast scripted the show in a way that the students are often out in the audience interacting with the children.

"In some ways, the children become part of the show," Halladay says. "The action happens around them as much as possible."

The cast will travel to Ireland in May and

will stay there for three weeks, performing at different locations, including the Ulster American Folk Park where they will also host workshops for children.

Halladay says she thinks their show will have a profound impact because it will help bridge the gap between the Roman Catholics and Protestants who have been in religious conflict for some time.

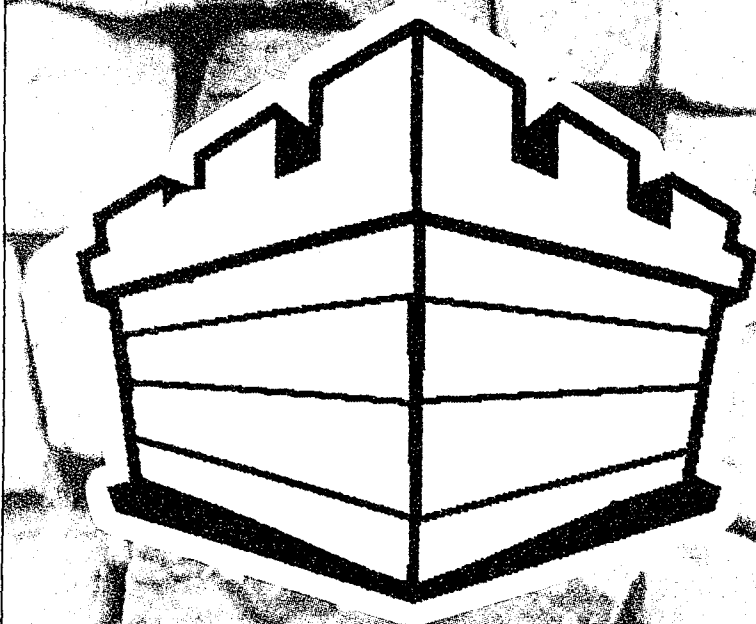
"They do have problems with prejudice there, but it's religious," Halladay says. "But two schools, one Catholic and one Protestant, are coming together to see the play."

Ponder says the integration between school systems has been a recent, but difficult process.

"Even if you know that in your mind, actually seeing it in action is almost shocking because we are so used to integration being based upon race," Ponder says. "One of the things the Ulster American Folk Park does very much on purpose is bring the two groups together."

The cast members all agree that after all the research and work they put into the production, "Appalachian Roots" will translate well.

"The show is already life changing," Halladay proudly proclaims. "The students have done a marvelous job – now to perform it for a different culture will be really interesting to see what kind of response we will get."



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