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Murfreesboro, TN

## University may open track to students

Jenny Cordle  
Staff Reporter

Some students and community members question why the university's new track, which was funded by student fee money, is not open for public or student use.

The old track was open to the public, is currently closed to the public and to students who aren't involved in varsity sports.

The old track was destroyed after the building of the new football stadium.

The \$1.5 million new track was built with student activity fee money, part of the \$65 each student pays per semester.

"Today if I were a student paying \$65, I would be using that track," said Mike Reed, a Murfreesboro resident who used the old track for 22 years and says he wishes he could use the new one also.

Bob Glenn, vice president of student affairs, said he is discussing with Lee Fowler, athletic director, the possibility of allowing students to use the track.

"We want to make it accessible," Glenn said. "The trick is

finding a way to provide access in a supervised way. The Recreation Center is open to students and the community, but we don't just throw the doors open and let people in.

"We want to make sure it can stay as good a facility as it can be for as long as we can."

Fowler said that the track is closed to prevent it from being damaged by rollerbladers and dogs. He plans to open the track at specific times for students to use it when varsity teams aren't practicing.

"We have to maintain the track," said Fowler. "The students paid for it."

Glenn said members of the community may be able to use the track eventually.

"Just like they have some kind of access to the Recreation Center, we hope to find some way to let them in to use the track sometimes," Glenn said.

Reed wrote Walker a letter about his concerns but got no response.

"That track sits on state property," Reed said. "I am a taxpayer; I am not a contributor to the school except through my taxes."



The MTSU track team practices on the new track near Greenland Drive. Currently, only athletes are allowed to use the track, which was paid for with student fee money.

## Lecture to cover ethical decisions in health care

R. Colin Fly  
Staff Reporter

Technology can limit the amount of care malformed infants receive. That will be one of the topics to be discussed in the next installment of the Honors Lecture Series.

Robert Rucker, associate professor of social work, presents, "Race Around the Incubator: Ethical Issues in Neonatal Healthcare," Monday, Nov. 15, at 3:40 p.m. in Peck Hall Room 109A.

The lecture plans to tackle several ethical questions concerning two types of infants. Neonatal infants are those in the

first month of life while post-neonatal infants deal with infants past the first month.

Secondly, Rucker plans to speak on the macro and micro allocation of resources given in the treatment of these infants.

Technology's role in the equation begins with the invention of the incubator in 1878. French physician E.S. Tarnier built the "warming chamber" to help thwart the increasing infant mortality rates in France.

The incubator became the center of a phenomenon. Babies were shown in incubators at the World's Fair, and, at one time, over 5,000 premature babies were reared on Coney Island.

"We have suffered a cultural lag in determining which child should receive care," Rucker said. "Our values have not kept up with technology."

Rucker also plans to present the profile of Baby Doe, an infant suffering with Down's Syndrome in 1982.

"In the 1980s, we changed the way we look at health care towards infants," Rucker stated.

The 1982 case received national attention because the parents refused doctors to continue treatment on Baby Doe citing Doe could not have a quality life.

"After Baby Doe died," Rucker said. "President Ronald Reagan directed the Department of U.S. Health and Human Services to protect handicapped children from parents and health care providers."

"In March of 1983, the Department claimed under the Rehabilitation Act of 1972 that health care facilities receiving federal assistance must aggressively



Rucker

provide sustenance and medical treatment to the handicapped."

Congress passed the Child Abuse, Treatment and Prevention Act in 1984 that required states to report programs that medically neglected treatment of disabled infants.

This legislation raised even more ethical issues including what infants could be salvaged.

"The concept of triage is a metaphor for health care," said Rucker. "This is the idea of selecting who is most needy of treatment or who is most salvageable."

Rucker will also discuss the implications

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## Sundquist gets more time to work on tax plan

Phil West  
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Senate on Wednesday rejected a motion to adjourn the special session on taxes, giving Gov. Don Sundquist more time to try to find votes to pass his income tax bill.

Sen. Bob Rochelle, the sponsor of Sundquist's bill and one of the General Assembly's best back-room negotiators, said he is willing to listen to proposed changes in the legislation.

"The governor's bill was a starting point. I'm asking every senator for suggestions to make it better," Rochelle said.

"The Senate is talking. They showed that sometimes those who talk the loudest don't necessarily produce. Now it's time for things to settle down."

The Senate voted 23-6 against the motion offered by Sen. Micheal Williams, a vocal income tax opponent. All six votes for adjournment were cast by Republicans.

Williams, R-Maynardville, filed the resolution on Nov. 1, the first day of the special session, but "out of respect to the Senate and to the leadership" waited to bring it forward.

He said he is frustrated that the special session has failed to produce any legislation and believes it's time for lawmakers to go home.

"We've been here two weeks and haven't voted on a single bill," he said.

Williams said he is willing to listen to alternative tax plans, "as long as it's not an income tax."

Sundquist's plan calls for a 3.75 percent income tax, cuts the state sales tax from 6 percent to 3.75 percent and removes the 6 percent tax on groceries.

That and other changes will give the state a projected \$479 million surplus.

With no new taxes, Sundquist says Tennessee will be \$382 million in the red when the new fiscal year begins July 1. Tax opponents have said the figure is overblown and any shortfall can be addressed through spending cuts and more efficient government.

Sundquist's bill is before the Senate Finance Committee, where only three of the 11 members have said they will vote for it. The House has delayed any action until the Senate considers the bill.

Finance Chairman Douglas Henry, D-Nashville, opposes the bill but believes some kind of tax reform is needed. He has suggested a statewide property tax, but that idea has generated little support.

"Although the governor and I disagree on an income tax, I think we need to wait until our business is done," he said before voting against adjournment.

The Senate session came after legislative leaders huddled with Sundquist for 90 minutes Wednesday morning. Rochelle and Sundquist lobbied to keep the session going, and reportedly were given another week to see what they can do.

The rejection of Williams' motion was the second setback of the day for income tax opponents.

Earlier, senators refused to suspend their rules to consider legislation that would start the process for a constitutional amendment requiring voter approval of any state income tax.

The Senate Judiciary Committee passed the legislation, sponsored by Sen. Jeff Miller, R-Cleveland, on an 8-0 vote Tuesday.

The Senate could take up the bill when it returns Monday after a long weekend starting with Veterans Day on Thursday.

## Dizzy up the Dolls



Photo by Robin Wallace

Goo Goo Dolls lead singer Johnny Rzeznik performs at Sunday's MP3.com Music and Technology Tour. See page 6 for a review and more photos.

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## On Campus

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### Nov. 11

The Psi Chi / Psychology Club invites all psychology students to attend meetings on Tuesday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 3 p.m. in KUC 305. Contact Shannon Walker at 364-7111 for additional information.

The Tennessee State University Allied Health representatives will visit the MTSU campus from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in KUC 322. Dr. Marian Williams-Patton, director of dental hygiene; Elizabeth Kunu from health information management; and Thelma Conley will answer questions on dental hygiene, health information management, occupational and physical therapy. All Preprofessional Allied Health students are urged to attend.

Allen D. Mosley, director of admissions and records at Meharry Medical College, will visit MTSU campus from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in KUC 322. He will explain the prerequisites for entrance to Meharry Medical

School and to Meharry Dental School and pass out information about Meharry. He will also explain about their summer program for pre-medical and pre-dental students. Please come visit with Mosley and get answers to your questions.

### Nov. 12

The MTSU Department of Engineering and Industrial Studies, TN Solar Energy Association, and MTSU Center for Energy Efficiency is presenting the Solar BikeRayce USA at the Voorhies Building, Room 169 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Linda Hardymon at 898-2119 or 904-8096 for additional information.

### Nov. 13

The fifth annual Miss Murfreesboro Pageant will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Riverdale High School. Contestants must be 17-24 years of age and do not have to be residents of Murfreesboro. For further information, call Patty Drewry at 890-9392.

### Nov. 14

Gamma Beta Phi is inducting its new members at 3 p.m. in the Alumni Center.

### ONGOING

Lambda Association invites everyone on campus to attend meetings every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact the president, Tony Gowell, at 867-3658 for any questions or concerns, or visit the web site at [www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda](http://www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda).

MTSU Rugby Football Club invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. The "Moosemen" were the 1999 SEC Champions and were ranked ninth in the nation last year. Call Evan or Todd at 907-5075 for further information.

MTSU Women's Rugby invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30

p.m. at the intramural fields. For additional information, contact Stacey Venanzio at 893-1786.

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold CRU, its weekly meeting, on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in LRC 221. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Rich Humphrey at 896-2039, or e-mail him at [rich.humphrey@uscm.org](mailto:rich.humphrey@uscm.org).

Raider Victory Ministry is holding Sunday Celebration church services every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the MTSU Alumni Gym. The service features Generation X music, food and relevant messages on campus each week. Contact Pastor Franco Gennaro at 896-2348 for more information.

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## World News

### Plane falls from sky in central Mexico, killing 18

TZARARACUA, Mexico (AP) — A DC-9 jetliner that had dropped off most of its passengers fell from the sky in central Mexico, killing the 18 people left on board, authorities said. Investigators said Wednesday they had recovered the "black box" flight recorders.

There was conflicting information about why TAESA flight 725 crashed Tuesday. One official said the plane apparently exploded while in flight, but a witness was quoted as saying there was an explosion as the jet struck the ground.

Inspector Juan Alfonso Lara of the Michoacan state civil protection agency said the plane apparently exploded in the air. Witnesses saw a brilliant light in the sky and the debris fall in the mountains six miles southwest of Uruapan, he said. ■

### Queen Elizabeth II meets with student essay winners

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Teen-agers gave Queen Elizabeth II startling insights Wednesday into post-apartheid South Africa in their essays about child rape, AIDS and violent crime. The British monarch and former President Nelson Mandela met with nine essay contest finalists, mostly 11th graders, at a Pretoria hotel, where they shook hands and posed for photographers.

The essay contest is sponsored by the British Council and an educational trust. It began during a visit by the queen four years ago and has continued in the years since.

Ntsako Mlambo, the contest winner, wrote that if she were queen for a day, she would impose the death penalty on those who rape children.

The queen's visit comes as South Africa commemorates the 100th anniversary of the start of the Anglo-Boer war, during which thousands of Afrikaners and black South Africans died in concentration camps set up by the British. ■



## National News

### Airlines to launch common Web travel site

EAGAN, Minn. (AP) — Northwest Airlines will join with three of the nation's other largest airlines — United, Delta and Continental — to build a common travel Web site that will compete with Travelocity and other online travel booking sites.

Financial terms of the joint venture, which was announced Tuesday, were not disclosed.

The new travel portal, which has not yet been named, will begin operations in the first half of next year. In addition to airline bookings, customers will have access to hotel, car rental and other travel services.

The site will feature the four airlines' online products, as well as published fares from nearly all carriers worldwide. Customers will be able to compare fares and vacation deals for all four carriers in one place. ■

### Baptists agree to split with University of Richmond

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Virginia Baptists, upset that the University of Richmond banned discrimination against homosexuals, will give up their rights to appoint a university trustee and end annual contributions to the school.

The Baptist General Association of Virginia voted overwhelmingly at its annual meeting Tuesday to approve a "new relationship" with the private university. The university's recent action was read as "tacit approval" of homosexual behavior, said Reginald McDonough, executive director of the Baptist association.

The Baptist association passed a resolution at its 1993 meeting declaring homosexual behavior "sinful and unacceptable for Christians."

McDonough said the association wasn't being critical of the school for the policy but simply recognizing that the university and the association were moving in different directions. ■



## State News

### Senator falls ill during session, taken to hospital

NASHVILLE (AP) — Sen. Tim Burchett was hospitalized Wednesday after falling ill during the Senate session.

Burchett, R-Knoxville, was placed on a stretcher in the Capitol and taken by ambulance to Baptist Hospital, where he was diagnosed with gastroenteritis, "an upset stomach, basically," hospital spokeswoman Jessica Etz said.

Doctors planned to keep him overnight for observation, she said.

Burchett apparently became dehydrated after vomiting throughout the night Tuesday, according to his secretary, Dottie Lau.

Burchett served two terms in the House before being elected to the Senate in 1998. He's a member of the State and Local Government, and Environment, Conservation and Tourism committees. ■

### Census Bureau adds 7,400 to Knoxville count

KNOXVILLE (AP) — The city of Knoxville is growing after all, the U.S. Census Bureau admits.

The bureau has revised its population estimate for Knoxville to 172,994 residents after the city appealed a 1998 count that suggested the city's population was falling.

A bureau estimate last summer said Knoxville had 165,540 residents on July 1, 1998, compared to 169,761 in 1990.

That put at risk millions of dollars in state and federal grants tied to population, and raised concerns among critics of Mayor Victor Ashe about the city's economic viability. So the city appealed, arguing the bureau counted barely half of the 8,265 net new housing units in Knoxville since the 1990 count.

The bureau agreed and has made appropriate corrections. But it refused to immediately accept Knoxville's claims of about 3,000 more new residents through annexations. ■

## LECTURE

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of teenage pregnancy. He stated that it is very important for teenage mothers to receive prenatal care to help avoid neonatal problems that can develop during pregnancy.

The lecture will be presented in Peck Hall 109A on Monday, Nov. 15.

Rucker has been on the MTSU staff since 1976. A

graduate of MTSU, he completed his graduate work at the George Warner Brown School of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis.

Rucker has studied Advanced Bioethics at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University. The MTSU Office of Equal Opportunity, directed by Dr. Forrestine White Williams, sponsors his work and studies. Rucker also teaches an honors course in social work entitled HOPE: Health, Organizations, Policy, and Ethics. ■

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## Lehigh students say campus drinking policy may encourage drug use

TMS Campus

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (TMS) — Students at Lehigh University say campus policies designed to curb binge drinking are doing just that — and, at the same time, encouraging students to take more drugs like ecstasy.

About 140 students rallied on Saturday against the university's Project IMPACT, which stands for Involving Multiple Partners in Achieving Cultural Transformation. The program allows students who are 21 to drink on campus but regulates the amount of alcohol they may consume at campus parties.

The program also requires that two university staff members monitor on-campus social events where alcohol is served.

Students of legal age resent the university's drinking limits. Many say they consume drugs at the chaperoned parties because those substances are more difficult to detect.

Some students at Saturday's protest wore T-shirts stating "I do drugs at Lehigh 'cause I can't drink."

School officials said this week that they would consider revising some of the campus' new drinking policies, but that they will not stray from their long-term goal of reducing binge drinking among students.

They also acknowledged that since the drinking policies were put into effect, there have been reports of more widely spread use of the drug ecstasy.

Ingested in a pill or capsule form or sniffed as powder, the drug is an amphetamine derivative that causes heightened sexual arousal, loosens inhibitions and leads to extreme states of relaxation in users.

"This is not a crackdown," John W. Smeaton, vice provost of student affairs told The Chronicle of Higher Education.

"We are simply trying to change the culture, and that does not happen overnight. We are hoping for long-term results, not a flash in the pan. The student angst is coming in the transition period."

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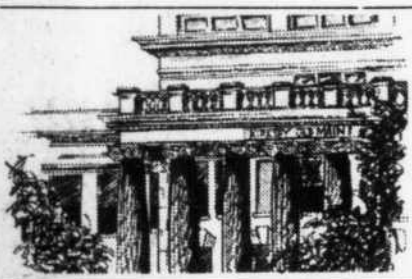
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# OPINIONS

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5 SIDELINES

## Editorial

### Track should be reserved for track athletes only

Lately, many concerns have risen over facilities that students are paying for but not being allowed to fully take advantage of. Such resources include the library or, in the case of this week's news, the track.

As a student, I fully understand the frustration of not being able to adequately use a facility that my tuition funds. But, as a track athlete, I fully understand the significant monetary costs it takes to build and maintain an all-weather track.

An all-weather track has a rubbery surface that makes it suitable for competition in almost any weather conditions without the raking, grading and line painting that must be done to a gravel or cinder track. Yet, this does not mean that it can withstand heavy duty wear-and-tear without an adverse effect or high maintenance costs to repair damages.

Like the sole of a sneaker that is waterproof, an all-weather track wears out, especially if it is worn all the time. Thus, if the track is left open to the public, students and athletes to use any way they may choose (rollerblading, biking, etc.), it will soon develop worn lanes and eventually holes.

Any of the university's overhead costs that are not covered by private and state funding or grants are paid for by the students. This includes all sports facilities, so why should the track be left open to the free use of the public and students when, for instance, the Murphy Center basketball court and the Floyd football stadium are not open for such purposes other than for athletic teams? Or, on the other hand, why shouldn't all these athletic facilities be open to the public and students?

The logical answer is because such facilities cost a pretty penny and might be subjected to costly vandalism or irreparable due to overuse that the university cannot afford. Now, in the face of a state financial crisis stalemate, secondary education funding will become more scant, meaning that tuition and other fees are going to increase.

Robin Wallace  
Staff Reporter

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## Modern Dysfunction by Rob Evans, Staff Columnist

# Microsoft got what it deserved

Hallelujah! Microsoft has been declared a monopoly. Gee, would you ever have guessed?

No, the computer I bought doesn't have Windows 98 on it. All the software loaded onto my computer doesn't require Windows 95 or 98. Nah, Microsoft has never been a monopoly and never will. Say it ain't so, Bill. Please, say it ain't so, Mr. Gates!

Maybe this means I will stop getting those freaking e-mails that claim I'll be paid \$24,000 for passing it along to others. How many of you out there are rolling in the dough of the wasted time spent greedily forwarding that e-mail? Don't bother to give me

your testimony. I want to see the green!

Well anyway, this is one predicament Mr. Gates should not be able to purchase his way out of. Sure, he may have more money than a small developing third-world country, but the masses have spoken, or at least a federal judge has.

Now the competition can rise up. You can't slap a trademark infringement suit on them anymore, then buy their company and steal their ideas. Sorry, now the little man is going to get to compete with the big dogs.

But it appears to be an up-hill battle ahead. What PC, network, business, or any other computer

doesn't use Microsoft something-or-another as part of its operating system? Um, let me check. Oh, none! Sure, there are some others. But since I am not a computer freak, and unjustly influenced by pop culture, I know of none other than the "Big W."

This obviously means that every computer program written since MS-DOS was first sold has to be compatible with the numerous mentioned company already named in this column.

See my point? It's unavoidable. We have already been screwed over by the big corporation, again. By the time somebody realizes the direction in which we are

steered, we are already at the meat packing plant. We are stuck using the system we have in place, because the cost of making everything compatible and changing it all would be abhorrent.

It's too little, too late. If we wanted to do something about a monopoly, why didn't we catch it back, say, when Windows 3.1 came out? Oh yeah, we were too busy being mesmerized by its grace and awesomeness. But it's a conspiracy theory. Well, if someone is ignorant enough to believe that, then it's no wonder we missed the boat.

Sadly, as I said earlier, Bill Gates should not be allowed to settle this case. Unfortunately,

we all know it will happen. Then all the hub-bub will die down and eventually will be forgotten as we go back to our beloved PC, embrace it and thank old Bill for making our lives easier. Capitalism is great!

Next, I guess we could try and slap a monopoly on Coke. But then what would we drink? RC cola? That's a frightening prospect! And how about McDonalds...?

Since it now seems vogue for columnists around the country to ask their devoted readers to contact them and send feedback or spew about whatever pissed them off that day, you can reach me at rce2b@mtsu.edu. ■

## Too bad schools can't offer Common Sense 101

Nathan Collins  
Ohio State University

When people think of college, they think of a place of higher learning and diversity. I used to think that way myself, but my optimism has been soured by a few bad apples that I have had the misfortune of tasting.

The problem, especially at a large, public university, is that not all students are ready for higher learning.

Diversity is great. In fact, I welcome cultural, ethnic and religious diversity with open arms. It's intellectual diversity that I have a problem with. I'm not an intellectual giant by any measurements. I do believe in God, and I do believe that all humans were and are created equally. I don't deserve to live and breathe any more than someone else who lacks my witty charm or keen sense of humor. However, this is a competitive world which brings to mind the idea of "survival of the fittest."

Am I saying that people with average or less than average intellect don't deserve a chance, don't deserve an education? Of course not. I just think that some people would be more comfortable somewhere that can recognize and address their special needs. I'm not talking about people with real mental disabilities. I'm referring to those people who lack one very important quality: COMMON SENSE. Sadly, my tolerance for alcohol far exceeds my tolerance for these people.

Unfortunately, common sense isn't something that can be taught or learned. Let's not lie to ourselves or deny or pretend that those of us blessed with this gift aren't annoyed, frustrated, even slowed down by these people. And whoever said, "There are no stupid questions," never took classes at a large public school. I'm paying for my education so I expect to be educated. This can't happen if my precious class time is consumed by stupid questions and bad jokes.

I'm not stereotyping, but simply profiling certain types of undesirable students. There's "Tommy and Tammy Tries-Too-Hard," who make up for their lack of common sense through overkill.

Guess what people? Unnecessary questions and class participation aren't substitutes for common sense. Senior citizens returning to college sometimes fall into this category. Their excuse for forgetting what common sense is that they've been out in the real world. Freshmen use the excuse that they haven't been in the real world.

Then there's Carl and Carla Class Clown who lack intelligence and a sense of humor. Why do people let them get away with it? Jokes aren't like fine wine, they don't improve with age. News flash, people: If your outdated stand-up routine didn't work in the fifth grade, it's too late now. Think before you speak, and if that hurts too much, then don't speak at all.

If you think they speak Latin in Latin America don't despair. Money can't buy common sense, but it can buy a college degree.

Professors and teachers without a degree in common sense should feel partially responsible for these problems. Perhaps Common Sense 101 should be added to the curriculum. Ignorance doesn't discriminate. It reaches all walks of life. I don't have all the answers, only the complaints. If I've helped one stupid person think twice before asking a stupid question or telling a bad joke or breeding, then I've made a difference.

"If ignorance is bliss, then wipe the smile from my face." - Rage Against the Machine. ■

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## From the Mailbox

### Photography change necessary for future of students

Regarding the proposed changes in the photography department, I am sorry to go against student opinion, but I agree with the administration that the move to a digital program is a necessity if the graduates of the department are going to be current in the world of technology (or as current as possible), and better able to find work in their chosen field.

I am a student at MTSU but am also speaking as the owner of a digital pre-press shop in Nashville that has been dealing with the rapid changes in technology over the past 10-15 years. In the past, I have tried to hire students or graduates of the local institutions but have found them sorely lacking in the actual preparation of their digital files for the press. They know how to make it look good on the screen and print out a nice color copy for the customer and have a limited knowledge of the software — but that is not the end product for any of the graphic arts related jobs I know of. All require almost as much knowledge of the printing industry and current technology as they do to create the project for the customer.

Yes, I can train them in-house, but I have found that the same person who is a great artist cannot

always find his way around the computer keyboard very well.

Photography is undergoing the same massive overhauling that graphic arts has been over the past decade. The education of our customers has become a daily routine in our shop as we receive more and more digital images scanned at 72 dpi while the customer expects us to produce film for a flawless 150 lpi print job. This is an impossibility — and chances are the customer won't be able to recreate the photo in the camera. Yet the customer thinks it is our film process that is inadequate. What an embarrassment for this customer if he is a graduate in photography with minimal training in the field of digital photography. Don't let this happen to a MTSU graduate!

Digital photos are not just in the labs at Wal-Mart and K-Mart. They are in every aspect of the print and communications industry as well as on the internet.

Moving the wet lab to the fine arts department is a good choice, also. There will always be a need for the knowledge, but just not in the same capacity. I do not know the details of how these departments will undergo the changes, but I applaud their efforts to keep MTSU current in technology.

I am sorry that the students were not more informed as these decisions were being considered. That is a communication problem of another kind. I hope everyone keeps their lines of communication open to provide the best education possible for the students here at MTSU while preparing them for jobs in the "real world" after graduation.

Lynne Hinger



# FEATURES

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Murfreesboro, TN

## Big name bands mesmerize fans

Robin Wallace  
Staff Reporter

A crowd ranging from the ages of junior high kids to middle-aged fans flocked to Murphy Center Sunday night creating a surge of excitement.

At 6 p.m., Moke took the stage in a bluesy, metal style accented with hip-hop and progressive rock sounds, similar to Pearl Jam and Rage Against the Machine. Next, Thrillcraft, a modern rock band from New York, performed.

"We've come a long way, and we've worked really hard, so to hear that people like our music beats any buzz I've ever had," reflected Tristan, the band's lead vocalist.

Fono, a 4-piece guitar rock-pop band with an intense emotional drive and sharp edged pop sensibilities, thrilled the anticipating crowd with its explosive music and strobing lights.

When Fono ended their act, a flurry of double-checking, tearing down and setting up the stage began.

As the house lights faded away, smoke shrouded Tonic in a mystifying hazy curtain of warm and cool colors that set the mood for their poignant, ballad-like lyrics.

"I like the way they write — they write from the heart," commented Jimi Edwards, an up-and-coming Nashville musician.

The group's poise on stage was excellent, as they jammed wholeheartedly with each other and added sincere personal information between songs.

It appeared as if Tonic could care less whether or not a thousand eyes were on them. They would love to play either way — having an audience seems to be the cherry to top it all off for Tonic.

As Jeff Russo, Tonic's lead guitarist enthusiastically said, "Rock is back."

With incredible lighting effects and a spectacular background screen covered in animated geometric laser designs, the Goo-Goo Dolls stepped onto the stage in a commanding presence to perform, as well as to entertain.

From spraying water over the sea of outstretched, waving arms, to taking uniquely obscene posters from the hands of loyal fans, lead vocalist Johnny Rzeznik perpetuated the spirit of light-hearted fun.

Most of the audience danced or sang along with all the songs, yet highlighting many of the songs were the screams of adoring female fans, vying to catch the attention of the group, particularly of Rzeznik.

While a couple girls sat on the shoulders of friends just to get a better look, others quickly snapped illegal pictures of the group.

One girl even tossed her bra onto the stage as a contribution to the Goo-Goo Dolls world outreach program.

"So we're working with a charity called Brassieres Around the World — see, every one of these will be given to girls around the world who don't have bras," joked Rzeznik, as he held up the donated undergarment.

Despite the various shenanigans that occurred throughout the concert, the Goo-Goo Dolls showed great confidence and maturity in knowing the formula for the right amount of joking and talking to make everything go smoothly.

"Regrets — everyone has regrets when you get to be an old man like me," reflected Rzeznik, revealing the inspiration behind the group's hit song "And I Won't Tell Your Name."

In the four song encore, soft fingering lights sliced through the thick marbling smoke as confetti fluttered and twisted, suspended in the air like hundreds of blue, white, silver and gold butterflies.

Long after the last echoing note faded, several dutiful fans lingered by the stage hoping for another glimpse.

"They put on an excellent performance — awesome. For those that didn't come, they missed a great show. I'm glad I came," said Lisa Bengson, a MTSU sophomore. ■

Photos by Robin Wallace

(Top) Robby Takac of Goo Goo Dolls plays bass and sings Sunday night in the Murphy Center. (Bottom Left) Johnny Rzeznik, lead vocalist of the Goo Goo Dolls, shows us his best side. (Bottom Right) Emerson Hart and Dan Lavery of Tonic excite the crowd as they perform one of their hits.



## Stones River Chamber Players woo audience with romantic styles

Robin Wallace  
Staff Reporter

Like a colorful autumn afternoon in an artist's dream, Wright Music Building will refresh the soul with the sound of music this Sunday at 3 p.m., as the highly acclaimed Stones River Chamber Players perform pieces from three renowned composers.

"It will not only be interesting but beautiful music," said Jerry Perkins of the Music Department.

Featuring the riveting combination of the flute, oboe and clarinet, the chamber players will perform Divertimento by Malcolm Arnold, an English composer of a tonal style, who has written a large number of film scores, including the music for The Bridge on the River Kwai and The Inn of the Sixth Happiness.

A rare performance of Romantic Suite, Opus 127, written by Dmitri Shostakovich to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the October Revolution in Russia, will be delivered by a passionate blend of the violin, cello, piano and soprano.

In a perpetuating mix, the chamber players will reflect the lush late romantic style of Johannes Brahms in Trio, Opus 188 for the oboe, horn and piano, as written by Carl Reinecke, a prolific composer.

Appearing for the first time in concert with the chamber players will be flutist Deanna Hahn. Hahn, whose repertoire includes studying at the Trevor Wye flute studio in Kent, England to being a 1999 finalist in the Myrna Brown Competition in Texas, begins her first year at MTSU as assistant



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(Sitting L to R) Deanna Hahn and Christine Isley-Farmer (Standing L to R) Raymond Bills, Todd Waldecker, Robert Heur, Dewayne Pigg, Stefan Petrescu, and Benjamin Shapira

professor of flute this fall.

The talent of Hahn is accompanied by current MTSU faculty members Raymond Bills,

piano; Christine Isley-Farmer, soprano; Robert Heur, horn; Stefan Petrescu, violin; Dewayne Pigg, oboe; Benjamin Shapira, cello; and

Todd Waldecker, clarinet.

There is no admission charge, and seating will be on a first come, first served basis. ■

## Just for the Health of It

The scoop on caffeine

Kelley Dodd  
Staff Reporter

For students who have studied into the wee hours of the morning, caffeine probably helped keep them awake.

Caffeine exists naturally in plants such as coffee, tea, cocoa and is added to many soft drinks and nonprescription medications. It is one of the world's most widely-used drugs, according to the American Dietetic Association.

While many college students chug down various types of caffeine-filled soda, the primary source of caffeine in the country is coffee. The Nutrition Action Health letter states that the average American adult consumes 200 milligrams of caffeine per day, which is the amount found in two eight ounce cups of coffee.

Some java fans enjoy coffee not only for the taste, but because the caffeine it contains acts as a mild stimulant by increasing the heart rate and blood pressure, which causes one to feel more alert.

Some studies have given the bean drink a bad reputation by linking coffee to cardiovascular disease, cancer and osteoporosis.

However, according to the Mayo Clinic, to create such health risks, one would have to consume very large amounts of caffeine.

Although an increased intake of caffeine may cause feelings of nervousness, restlessness, anxiety or insomnia, the ADA states that a moderate amount of caffeine, usually between 50 and 200 milligrams, causes no physical harm in the healthy adult.

If you wish to reduce your intake of caffeine, here are some suggestions from the ADA:

- \* Drink decaffeinated or reduced-caffeine coffee and tea.
- \* Brew tea for less time, which can cut caffeine amounts
- \* Read soft drink labels carefully, and choose caffeine-free versions of your favorite soda.
- \* Read medication labels on over-the-counter drugs, such as aspirin. One dose of a pain relief capsule can contain the amount of caffeine found in one or two cups of coffee.
- \* Avoid an intake of caffeine in the evening, if insomnia is a problem.

Despite the negative feedback coffee and other caffeine-containing beverages receive, the best approach to enjoying the natural boost is to moderate the amount you drink. Doing so can still keep you awake during your exam crams without damaging your ability to concentrate. ■



# Germans party to commemorate Berlin Wall's collapse

Paul Geitner  
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Cold War leaders shared a stage with rockers and classical musicians at a rain-soaked festival honoring the courage of masses of East Germans whose persistent cries for democracy helped bring down the Berlin Wall 10 years ago, changing the map of Europe.

A day of religious services and official speeches in parliament was capped with an open-air celebration and fireworks Tuesday night at the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin landmark trapped for decades inside the no-man's land of the Wall.

Seeking to revive the 1989 spirit of unity in a country where many east Germans feel swallowed up

and forgotten by the bigger and richer west, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder praised the East German activists whose candlelight marches and demands for democratic reforms forced the opening in the Wall that led to the communist regime's demise.

"The Wall was knocked down from the East," Schroeder said to

cheers from tens of thousands huddled under umbrellas or in doorways for the evening festivities.

Amid chants of "Gorby" and "Bush," Schroeder also thanked the former leaders flanking him on the stage — former President Bush, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Chancellor Helmut Kohl — for

shepherding Europe through the collapse of the Iron Curtain without conflict or bloodshed.

"It's really quite amazing how the world has changed," said Mirko Scherer, a Munich businessman visiting Berlin who was caught up in the celebrations. "I think it's good that people are reminded of these emotional moments." ■

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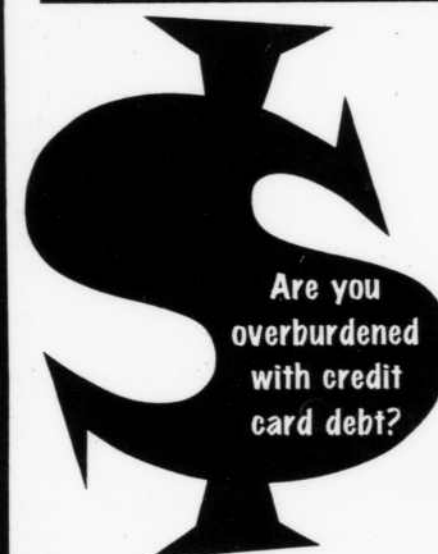
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OT 62 David Wilson, 6-6, 310, Sr.

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## UCF invades Raider country

Michael Edwards  
Staff Reporter

It's football time again on Saturday, and the Blue Raiders will host the Golden Knights of Central Florida.

### When MTSU runs

This weekend things could be changed up a little bit because of the performance last week of freshman tailback Dwone Hicks. He gained 104 yards on 18 carries, but that was against one of the poorest defenses in America.

The Raiders played very well last Saturday, but Central Florida is a I-A opponent and a good one.

The Golden Knight defense is giving up over 120 yards per game on the ground but that is coming against some of the best running backs and offenses in college football. The Raiders have struggled on the ground this year, except for the last two weeks when they ran the ball successfully. That is going to be the key once again this week for the Raiders. They must run the ball effectively.

### When MTSU passes

Wes Counts is the man on the Raider offense. His top receivers consist of Kendall Newson, Tyrone Calico and Hansford Johnson, all of whom have performed to record breaking levels this season.

MTSU will be tested by the Knight defense, which is fast and athletic. UCF has given up over 250 yards per game through the air, but, again, that is coming against some of the best teams in the nation.

The Raider passing game usually does well when the running game is effective. Wes Counts will be looking to creep a little closer to the all-time MTSU completion record, which he should break next season.

The key for the passing game for the Raiders is to be efficient and not make mistakes. All year the coaches and players have said that this team is not good enough to make mistakes and win; the same will be true this week.

### When Central Florida runs

The Golden Knights have a trio of backs. Edwards Mack, Terrance Williams and Omari Howard are the tailbacks, and the three of them have combined for 108 yards per game. The team gains 117 yards per game.

Williams and Mack get the majority of the carries, but Howard fills in nicely for a change of pace. Fullback Page Sessoms sees little carries in the Knights wide open offense. The Raiders have played well on defense for two weeks in a row.

To win Saturday that must happen again. Same is true for UCF as is for MTSU, they must run effectively to give the passing game time to throw. The Raiders need to shut down the Knight ground game.

### When Central Florida passes

One name needs to be said for the Central Florida passing game--Vic Penn. After losing Daunte Culpepper, many people thought UCF would take a major step back. That has not been the case.

Penn has filled in and averaged 277 yards per game passing, while completing 57 percent of his passes. The offense is averaging over 400 yards per game against some good defenses.

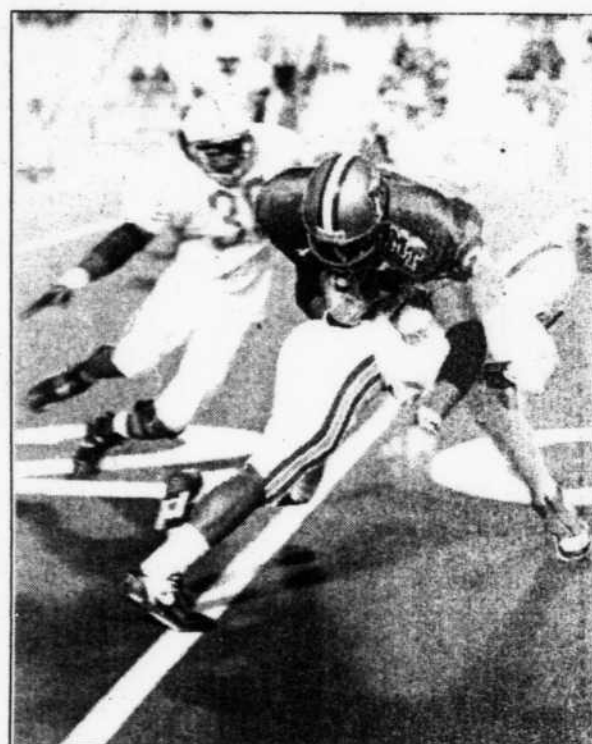
The Raider pass defense is in for a big test. This is the best passing offense MTSU has faced this season, next to Louisiana Tech. The Raiders must contain Penn and continuously add pressure.

Unfortunately, the Raiders have not played very good pass defense until the last two weeks. This week is an opportunity to get the critics off their back and earn some real respect.

### The X-factor

The keys to this win are simple. First don't turn the ball over. Week in and week out the team that makes the fewest turnovers and capitalizes on their opponents turnovers win. Second, play defense that won't get you beat.

The Raiders did that in only three games this year. In fact, they played well enough to win against Louisiana-Monroe. The Raider defense must continue the success



Photos by Derrick Wilson

(Top) Kareem Bland brings down Brice Lovan during the Raiders victory over UT-Martin. (Bottom Left) Kelverrick Green rushes for a touchdown during Saturday's game. (Bottom Right) A Raider takes one for the team during Saturday's contest.

of the last two weeks. The last key to a win this Saturday lies in the pocket of MTSU's running game. When the ground game doesn't

work, the offense doesn't work.

It doesn't matter how good a team's passing is, if they can't run effectively, they will not be able to

pass. An effective running game forces the defense to respect the line of scrimmage. ■

## Lady Raiders ready to make run at OVC title and NCAA Tournament

Michael Edwards  
Staff Reporter

Webster defines success as a favorable outcome of an event; Lady Raider Basketball coach Stephany Smith defines it as "going to the Sweet Sixteen."

"Winning the conference is never success for me. To me, that's what your supposed to do," Smith said. "When we go out and recruit kids, I expect them to get a good education and do the things they need to do off the court, and I expect us to win the conference."

The high hopes of the team are the same throughout the conference's athletic directors and media relations directors. The Lady Raiders were picked to finish third after a year when they tied for the conference title, but were upset in the first round of the OVC tournament by a lesser Tennessee State team.

Success for the Raiders may come early and often this year despite a very tough schedule. The Lady Raiders play Indiana, UAB, Auburn, Ole Miss Cincinnati, Belmont and possibly Arizona. The Raiders have their work cut out for them in the OVC as well. Tennessee-Martin is looking to continue to grow as a team.

The Lady Raider back court is young and talented; there is the Raiders have only one senior on the team. Returning players Erika Lufkin and Kelly Chastain will provide the scoring from the outside. Both are very talented shooters, and both have experience in big games.

"Erica Lufkin came in and shot

well as a freshman," Smith said. "Kelly Chastain also came in and shot well as a freshman."

If she builds it, they will come.

She, Stephany Smith, has built the women's basketball program, and the wins should come this season. The talent is at an all-time high for the Lady Raiders, and that should culminate in wins.

"The talent is as good as it's been since I have been here," Smith said.

The point guard was vacated by Courtney Neeley, but Jessica McClure came off the bench and showed signs of progress throughout the season. McClure is an up tempo point guard who fits in very nicely in the Raiders offensive and defensive schemes.

The men's team is not the only team that recruited overseas this preseason. The women went to Finland, and picked up two players that played on the Finnish Junior National team. One of the two toured the United States with the National team.

A point guard position from Lahti, Finland is Paula Penttila. She is a very quick guard that handles the ball well and minimizes the turnovers.

"I expected Paula to come in and be a philosophical point guard, but she is sitting on G and waiting on O," Smith said. "She's a point guard that's never going to force and never going to take a bad shot or force a bad pass."

Sedonia Carter and Nicole Perkins round out the back court. Perkins has become more disciplined on the floor and off the floor. Smith says that she is becoming more able to work within

the offense. Her shooting ability should show this year.

In the post position, Jamie Thomatis comes back off of a great freshman season. Thomatis led the team in scoring towards the end of the year and began to dominate against bigger and taller OVC opponents.

Two years ago, Joanne Aluka was one the OVC freshman of the year but was forced to sit out last season due to a knee injury. This season will be a time for her to prove herself once again.

All the way from the greatest little town on the plains, Auburn, Chrissy Davenport will be a huge boost on the inside. Her size, 6 feet 2 inches, will help Thomatis and Aluka with the larger OVC post players. Davenport was at MTSU last year, but was forced to sit out a year due to transferring. Dana Conner was a guard last year, but with the abundance of guards and her 6 foot 2 inch height, Conner has been moved down in the post. She should also give the Raiders a boost. Not only does she give depth as far as height, she can shoot from the outside.

The other player from Finland is Mia Parviainen. She was on the Finnish Junior team and is from Helsinki, Finland. Parviainen is 6 feet 1 inch and will provide more size on the interior for the Raiders. The final post player for MTSU is Lashonda Winfree. The 6-foot-2 post player saw action late in the season and proved to be very capable as a rebounder and enforcer.

The Raiders first game is Nov. 19 against UAB followed by a trip to Auburn. The games to watch for

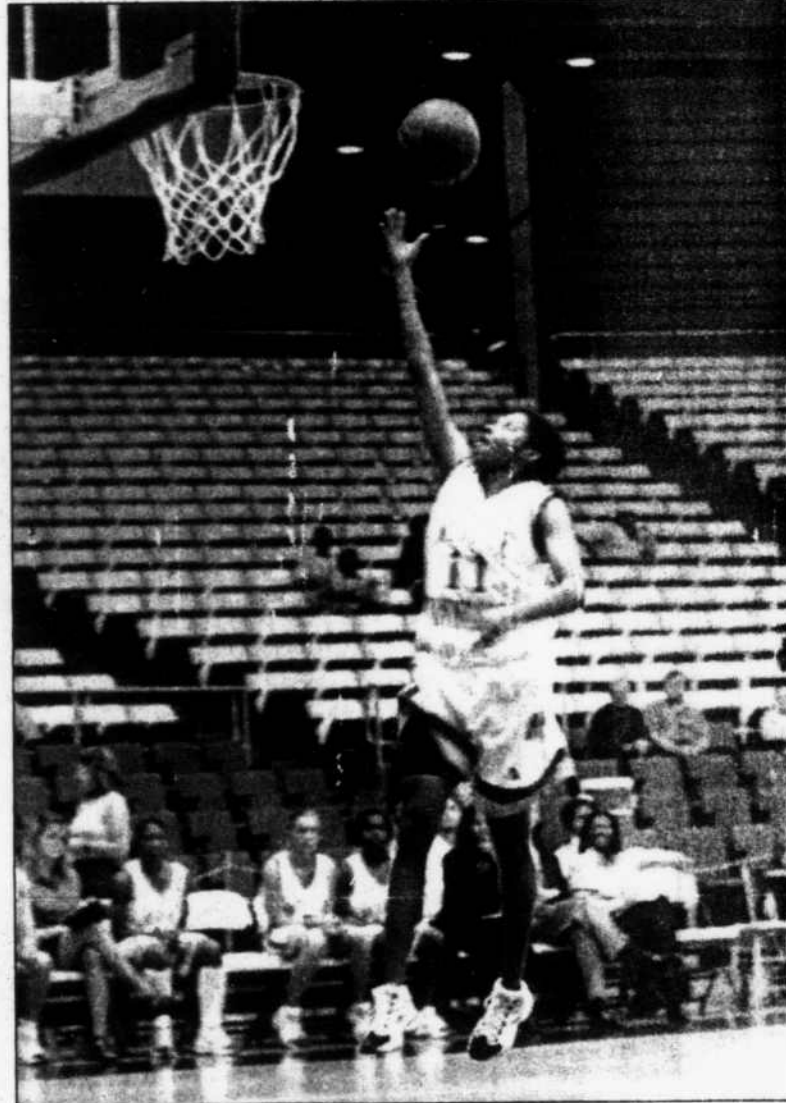


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Jessica McClure scores two during the Tuesday's 89-73 victory over Freestyle Express.

are UT-Martin on Jan. 27 and Feb. 26. Remember that 32 teams are selected among large teams for the NCAA tournament. The other 32 are conference tournament winners. With the non-conference

schedule, they play, MTSU should have a great chance to get an at-large bid, as long as they win a couple of these games and only lose one or two conference games. ■



## Flag Football Results

Wednesday, Nov. 3

MB Game 8 6 PM A Team 2 vs. Carpetlayers 0  
MB Game 9 7 PM Black and Jay 26 vs. Wildcats 20  
IFC-B Game 5 8 PM PIKE "B" 26 vs. Sigma Nu "B" 0  
Sor Final 9 PM Kappa Delta 19 vs. ADPi 13  
IFC-C Final 10 PM Beta "C" 12 vs. PIKE "C" 7

Thursday, Nov. 4

Co-Rec Championship 5 PM Jabronees 21 vs. Water Buffalo 9  
IFC-B Championship 6 PM Beta 12 vs. PIKE 0  
MB Championship 7 PM Black and Jay 26 vs. A Team 7  
IFC-A Championship 8 PM Kappa Sigma 12 vs. PIKE 6  
MA Championship 9 PM The Establishment 26 vs. The Franchise 14

Monday, Nov. 8

IFC-B Consolation 6 PM SAE 21 vs. Sigma Nu 7  
IFC-A Consolation 7 PM Sig Ep 2 vs. Beta 0  
All Campus Championship A Divisions 8 PM The Establishment 18 vs. Kappa Sigma 13  
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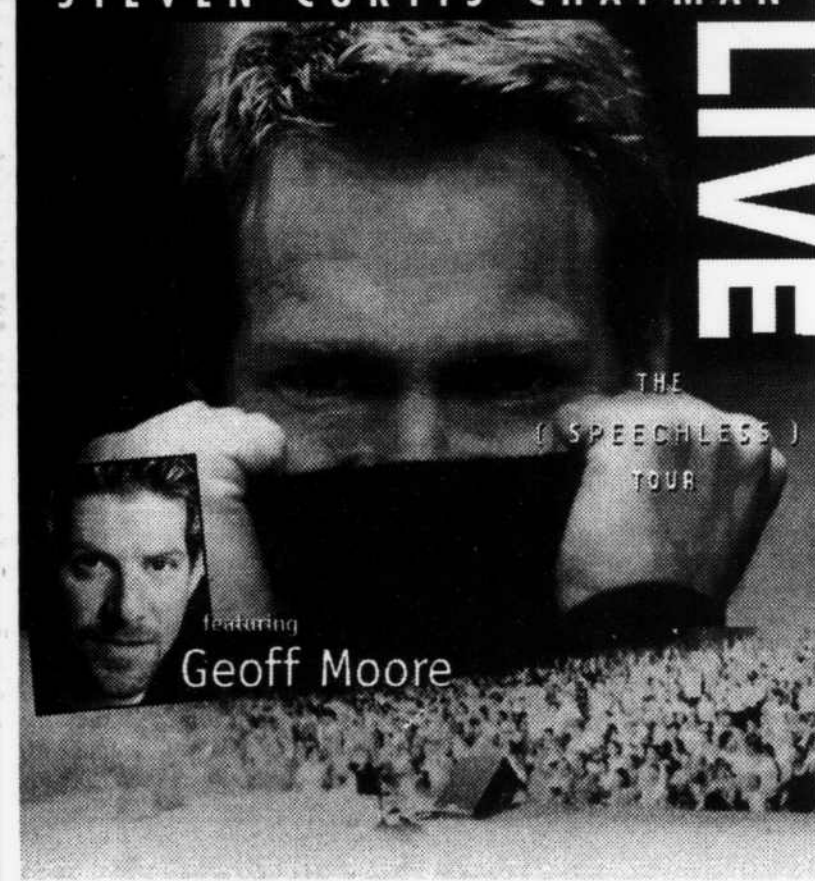
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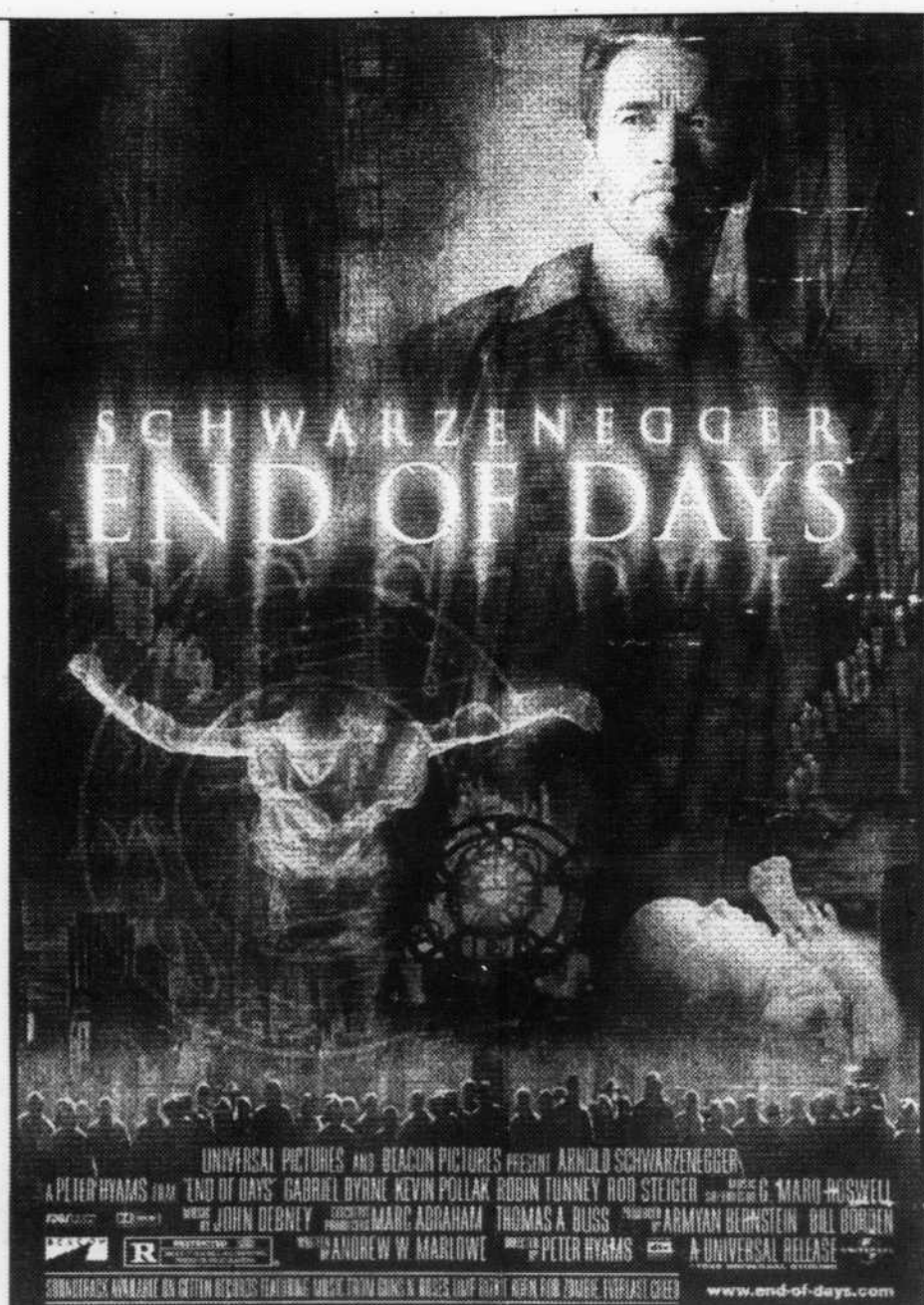


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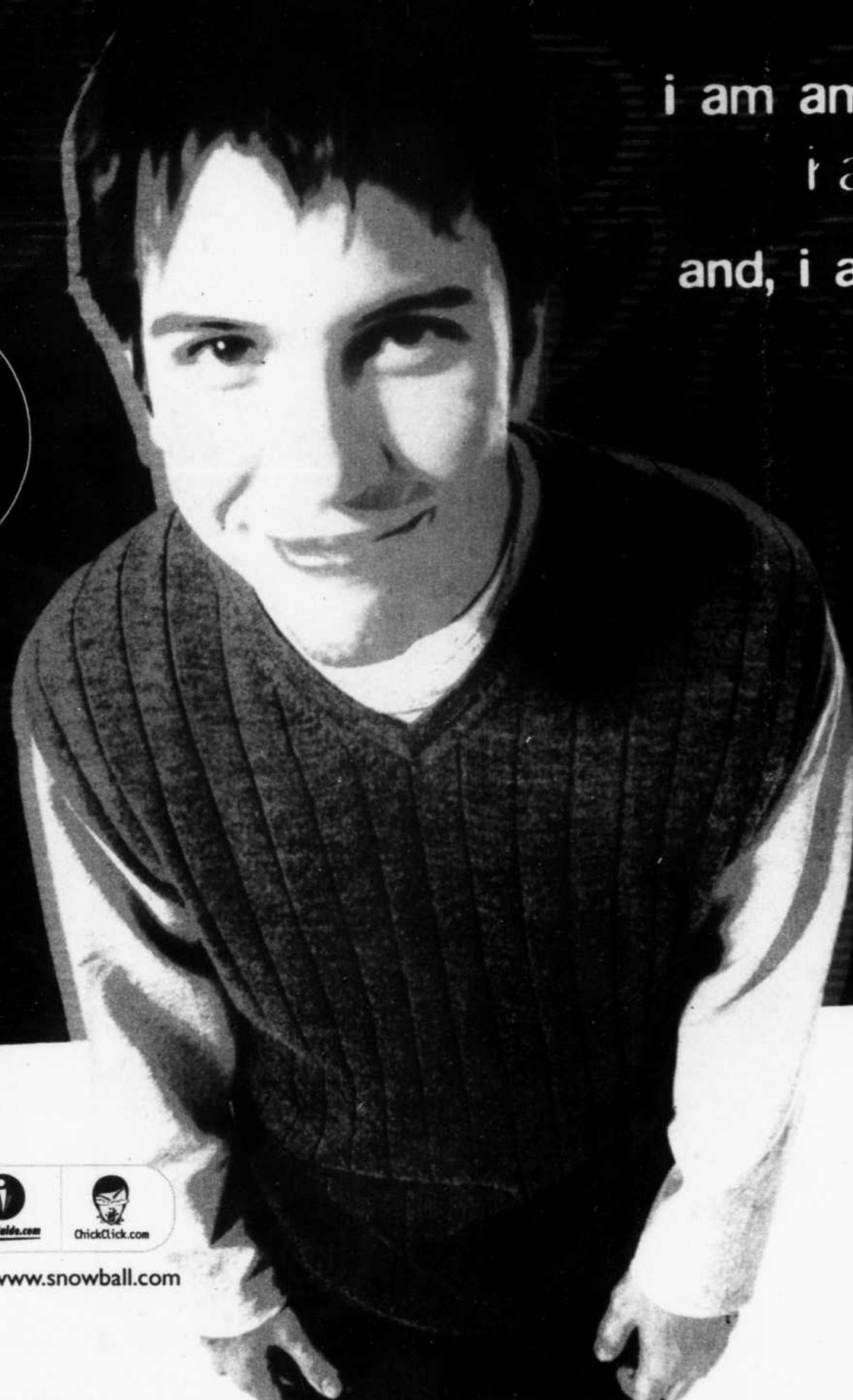
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