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Proposed organization geared to support MTSU homosexuals

By D. BRIAN CONLEY
Staff Writer

A group of students wishing to found an organization to provide support for the homosexual community at MTSU should have no problem obtaining university recognition, officials said.

Daniel R. Webster, a sophomore speech and theatre major, and one of the founders of the MTSU Lambda Association, said his organization, when established, will also try to educate the general population about the homosexual lifestyle.

University procedures for establishing a new organization are quite explicit, MTSU President Sam Ingram said.

"If they meet the same conditions necessary for other groups, their application will be approved. If they don't, it won't be approved," Ingram said. "I have not been asked to pass judgement on other groups, so I don't think it is appropriate to pass judgement on them either positive or negative."

Webster said the group is beginning the application process and hopes to be fully recognized by late October.

"The main purpose is to provide support and to allow the gay and lesbian community to talk about their homosexuality and living on the MTSU campus and the problems they go through," Webster said.

The organization membership will not be restricted to homosexuals. In fact, Webster said some people who said they will be charter members of the association are not homosexual.

"They just support a gay and lesbian group," Webster said.

While several people have been thinking about beginning a chapter of the Lambda Association at MTSU for a long time, recent "bad press" in *Sidelines* prompted quicker

action, Webster said.

A Sept. 8 article by staff writer Tony Stinnett detailed homosexual activities in campus bathrooms. Webster said the article cast a negative light on the MTSU gay community.

"We are upset by the impression people are given about the gay population in the press," Webster said.

"We want to be able to give gay and lesbian people a sense of pride," he said.

The first thing the association will do is provide a series of seminars on AIDS education. Webster said officials with the Nashville Council on AIDS Research, Education and Services have agreed to conduct such seminars.

The purpose of the seminars will be to educate students "to protect themselves," Webster said.

Members of the news media and society in general have given the gay community a bad image, Webster said.

"The organization will try

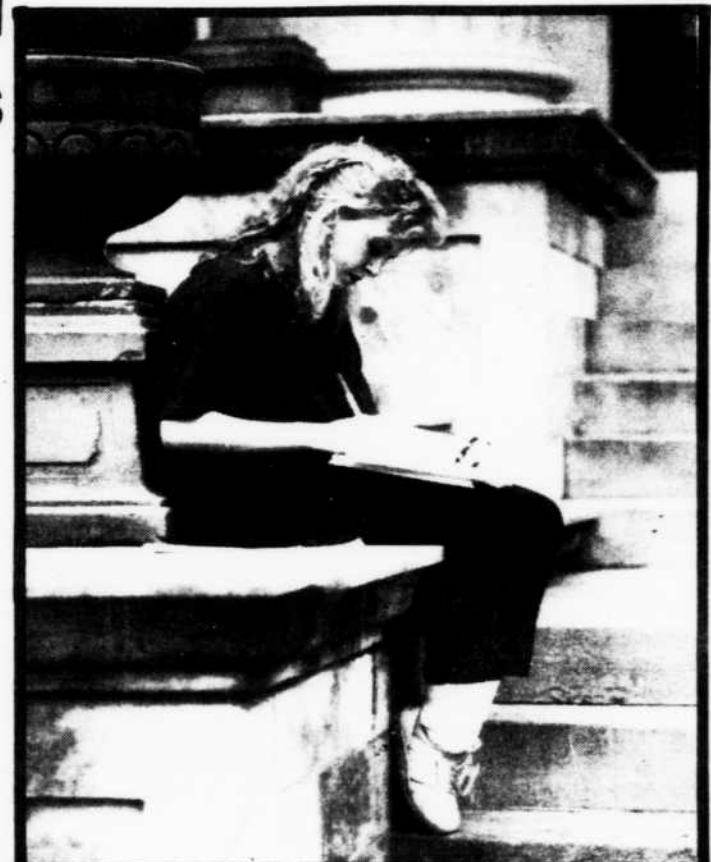
to show society we are valuable to society," he said. "National statistics show 10 percent of the population is gay. There are millions of us out there; that doesn't mean we are strange."

"This will provide a safe place for us to meet and see we are valuable and have something to contribute," he said.

Webster said the MLA will help people deal with their homosexuality and help family members cope. MLA will provide gay hot line numbers for homosexual people and a number for parents of gay people.

"We feel very strong about the gay image and want to improve it for ourselves and for future generations," he added.

Webster said anyone who is interested in his organization or wants to correspond can write him at MTSU Box 3301.



Wayne Cartwright/Staff

Freshman Denise Rudder completes her homework outside the KOM after her class. Rudder is studying for her Associates of Science in Physical Therapy before going to Memphis State University to complete her education.

Lovers face societal barriers

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

S. is a 29-year-old MTSU photography major who has been in a monogamous relationship for several years. S. lives in a small town near Murfreesboro.

S. and live-in lover, T., like to go movies and walk in parks. T. has been trying to teach S. to play pool. They fight over the cover and which side of the bed to sleep on.

S. and T. are lesbians. While her day to day life is no different from other people's, S. said she feels strongly about the fact when she and her lover are out in public, society does not consider it to be acceptable to hold hands with the woman she is in love with.

"I think if more gay and lesbian couples could feel

comfortable in showing affection in public," S. said, "it could become more acceptable."

T., her lover, is very uncomfortable about showing affection in public. She's afraid that she and S. will be "mobbed," S. said she is

of Independence, and I always have to keep it in the back of my mind that there are some really sick people out there who take such offense at gays and lesbians who have 'come out,' that they can become verbally and physically abusive," K. said.

'It pisses me off that I can't walk on campus and hold hands with my lover.' — S.

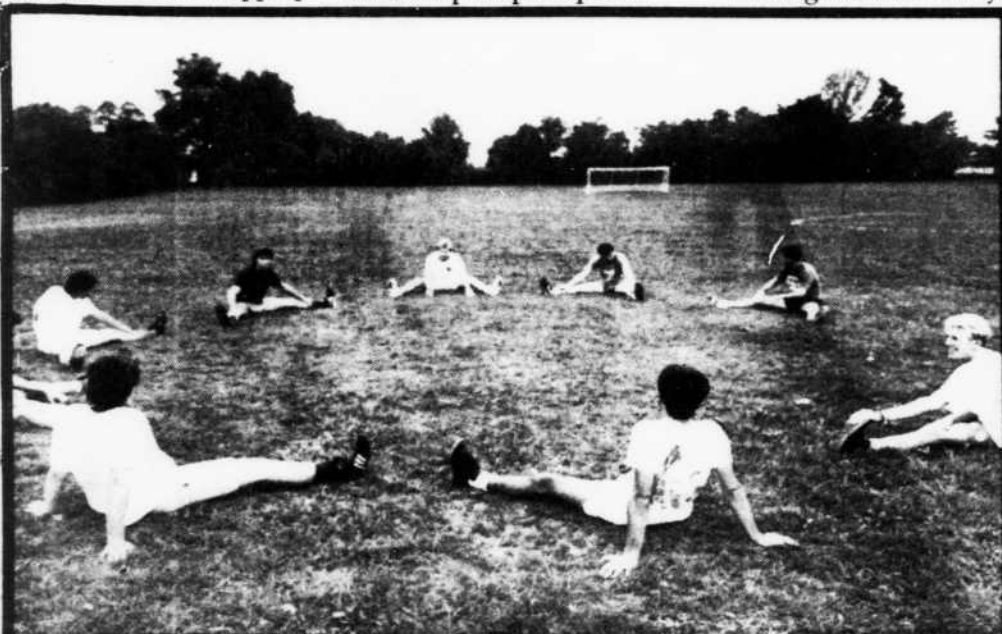
comfortable in most situations about being openly affectionate, when T. allows her to be.

"It's scary for me to think that I live in 'America, the land of the free,' where the 'pursuit of happiness' was included in our Declaration

said. "Coming out" is a phrase used by most homosexuals to describe the realization that they are gay or lesbian.

S. describes it as "when you actually realize you're attracted to someone of the same sex."

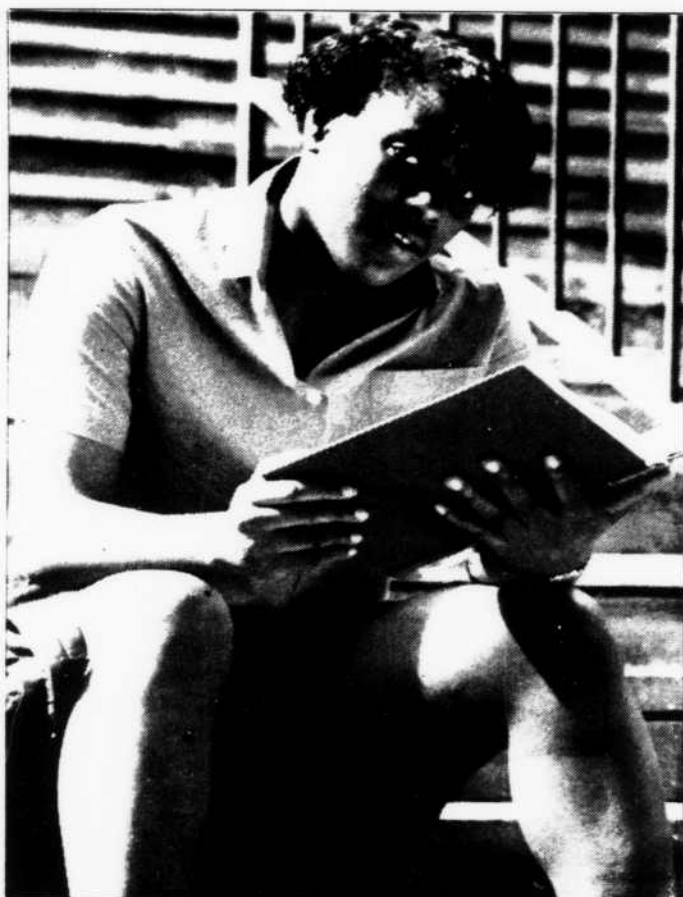
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Wayne Cartwright/Staff

The MTSU Blue Raider soccer team prepare for their fall season. The team is playing Belmont College this weekend at MTSU.

Roundballer eyes education goal



Basketball recruit Libby Newton holds the dictionary she carries with her. Newton is the first in her family to attend college.

Wayne Cartwright/Staff

By TRACEY RIEDLE
Staff Writer

One basketball recruit has her mind set on goals other than those achieved on court.

Libby Newton, of Macon, Georgia, is the only child in her family of four attending college. Having earned a full basketball scholarship, Newton is pleased with her situation at MTSU.

"I feel good about it. I'm here to get a good education, and I don't have to worry about many expenses."

Newton is inspired by 1987-88 OVC Player of the Year, senior Tawana Mucker.

"She's from my hometown, and she has set many records that I hope to break," Newton said.

Basketball Coach Lewis Bivens explained that she was one of the top senior prospects in Georgia.

"She's got quickness and strength," Bivens said, "and she's talented."

Bivens said he was interested to see how well Newton blends in with the team.

Newton said she's adjusted to Murfreesboro well, although she claims it's a bit slower than Macon. She doesn't miss high school at all.

"A lot of my friends from high school went off their separate ways. Most of them got into drugs. I guess it's easy to get into. Some of them were easily misled," Newton said.

As far as studying is concerned, Newton has a rigid schedule that she likes to stick by. She is taking thirteen hours.

"I use my time wisely. I don't think any class is too difficult if you budget your time," said Newton.

Newton delights in reading the dictionary she carries with her.

"I like finding big words. So many people think that if you're from the South, you can't speak. I want to learn to speak correctly," Newton said.

Newton is assisted by her English teacher, Jeane Chamberlain.

Newton goes after class for help. She said her teacher takes time to explain things, and that makes her want to learn.

Chamberlain said she is impressed with Libby's desire to work hard.

"She's one of the most reliable students in basic writing," Chamberlain said.

Newton said she is pleased with life on campus. Although she doesn't have a car, she gets around fine on her bicycle. She hangs out with basketball pal Shana Wright when she gets some free time. Since Newton doesn't get to go home very often, she speaks to her parents frequently on the phone.

"I miss my parents very much, but it was really bad at first. I used to cry every night because I was so homesick," Newton said.

Newton said she doesn't associate with many men on campus.

"They've got other things on their minds besides friendship."

She explained the negative experience she had with a male who tried to cajole her into having sex.

"He told me he had extremely strong feelings for me. This was only after he'd known me for three days. He told me we were either going to be together, or we weren't," Newton said, "but I don't have time for anyone who's not serious."

Newton said she has put the experience behind her and will proceed with her life, but she hasn't completely forgotten men.

"I like men with real nice physiques. I like a man to make me feel like a woman."

Newton said she does not have a political preference. She said that many people make statements without actually knowing what the issues are.

Outgoing, easy to get along with and very goal-oriented is how Newton described herself.

"I'm interested in becoming a sports therapist, because I've had some serious therapeutic problems," said Newton.

She said she also sees herself as someone who accepts challenges.

"It runs through every freshman's head. Things aren't going the way they used to. In college, nobody cares what you did in high school. It makes you feel hurt, and you've got to prove yourself all over again."

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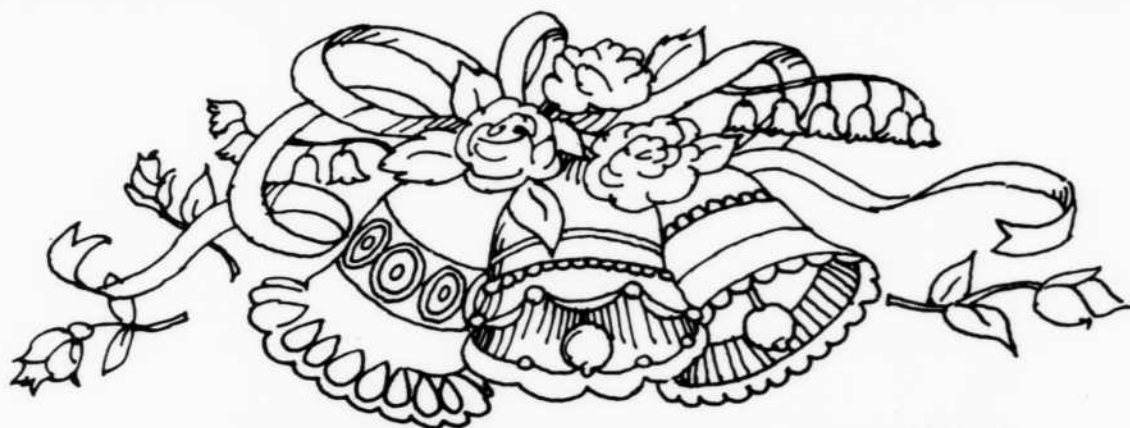
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It is the realization, then the action on that realization, she explained.

K., also a lesbian, said she and her 25-year-old lover can't show any type of affection in public. She said she sometimes feels like kissing her lover over something silly but cannot do it in public. The relationship has to be totally platonic in front of most people.

"It pisses me off that I can't walk on campus and hold hands with my lover," S. said. "It's important people see [lesbian] couples out in public. It's my responsibility to inform the public: Yes, we're going to be physical, and fuck what you think!"

S. "came out" when she was 19. Her first lover was 34, and their relationship continued for three years. She said she has known deep down that she was lesbian all her life. She had crushes on female teachers in school and knew she was different.

"Acceptance varies," S. said. So far she has lost a job and been asked to move because her boss and her landlord found out she was a lesbian.

She is "pretty selective" about who she tells, considering it a private matter. On the other hand, she explained that she does not keep the fact that she is a lesbian hidden and that she is not ashamed.

"It is a part of my life," S. said.

"I will deny it [lesbianism] if certain people

ask," K. said. "Because I don't know who I can trust, I can't predict reactions."

When S. told her parents two years ago that she was a lesbian, they were not happy. She used to "straight"-en up her house when her parents would visit. That is, she would hide literature, pictures and whatever else that would reveal she was a lesbian. However, she said her parents have probably known for many years. It just was not discussed openly until two years ago.

Today, S.'s parents come to dinner in the house she and her lover share, and her mother goes shopping with her. S. said they are still not very happy about her sexual preference, but that they love her no matter what and they want her to be happy.

K., a sophomore business major, came out when she was 13. She explained she lost her virginity and realized she was a lesbian in the same year.

"My best friend turned me out," K. said. They had been close friends for years and one night the relationship went beyond friendship. It lasted for three years.

During that time, "red flags went up at home." Flags such as letters to her lover and a lack of phone calls from boys combined with all-night calls with female friends.

"As I started high school, it became more noticeable at home," K. said.

She had no boyfriends

and spent all her free time with girls. She finally admitted to her mother she was a lesbian this past summer.

Her mother had asked several times what was going on, and K. decided the next time her mother asked, she'd tell her.

On July 4, her mother asked her and got an answer.

"She kept asking me questions," K. said. Her mother asked her about all aspects of K.'s lesbian lifestyle, including past relationships. K. told her everything.

According to K., her mother said it was "hard to let it sink in." But she realized there was and is nothing she could do about it. K. said her mother doesn't like it and doesn't approve of it, but she loves K. and will always be there for her.

K. thought her father had known all along, but when she approached him about her lesbianism, he didn't know. His reaction was much like K.'s mother's.

"Dad and I have always been real close," K. explained. "He still loves me."

The worst misconception people hold, in K.'s opinion, is that "people are born gay."

She said that she was not born gay and thinks others are not either.

"I chose to be gay," K. said, "which is fine with me."

S. disagrees. She said she feels that people are born gay and have no choice in sexual preference.

The lack of choice makes it imperative for homosexuals to deal openly with their homosexuality, S. said.

"The decision to 'come out' is a difficult decision to deal with...knowing that after that the majority of society is going to be against you," she said. "But why would anyone want to be against the majority of society unless they had to?"

S. said that most misconceptions about homosexuals are based on ignorance.

"It is ignorance to stereotype anyone like people do to lesbians," S. said.

She said she is strongly opposed to opinions based on differences, which create distorted views. However, she said, because homosexuality is not the norm, it is extremely important that gay people have gay friends, like support groups, to talk about problems unique to homosexuals.

S. said she thinks that

homosexuals are more to—they are victimized by prejudice.

Most prejudice about homosexuals "all boils down to sex," S. said.

K. said she prefers sex with women because it is "so close, intense and intimate. It is so much deeper; that's just how it is."

K. explained that sex with women is totally different than with men. She has had sex with men several times

but has not been with a man for three years. Emotionally and sexually she prefers sex with another woman.

According to S., sex between same-sex partners is no different from heterosexual sex if there is "a sexual partnership and mutual satisfaction."

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IN THE NEWS

Supper proceeds for athlete

From Staff Reports

Bart Dodson, wheelchair athlete, still needs money to go to the Paralympics in Seoul, Korea in October, so a fund-raising chili supper is planned for today.

The all-you-can-eat supper is at 4 p.m. today at Cannonsburg, a reconstructed pioneer village in Murfreesboro.

Dodson, an MTSU graduate, held a push-a-thon earlier this month to raise funds for the trip.

The proceeds from the chili supper today will help send Dodson to Korea for the Paralympics, which are for the disabled and held approximately two weeks after the end of the Summer Olympics.

MTSU hosts Family Day

By LUCAS JOHNSON, II
Staff Writer

MTSU will host Family Day on Saturday, Oct. 8, which will feature an all-you-can-eat lunch and an afternoon of Blue Raider football.

There will be administrators who can provide necessary information about admissions, housing and financial aid. Student Ambassadors will be available as hosts for guided tours of the campus.

There will also be several graduates on hand to talk to students about how MTSU helped "shape their lives."

Last year, 1,500 people participated in Family Day. According to Ronald Roberts, assistant director of public relations at MTSU, many more are expected this year.

For more information, Dorothy Harrison, director of public relations, and Rick Parrent, director of admissions, are in charge of the event this year.

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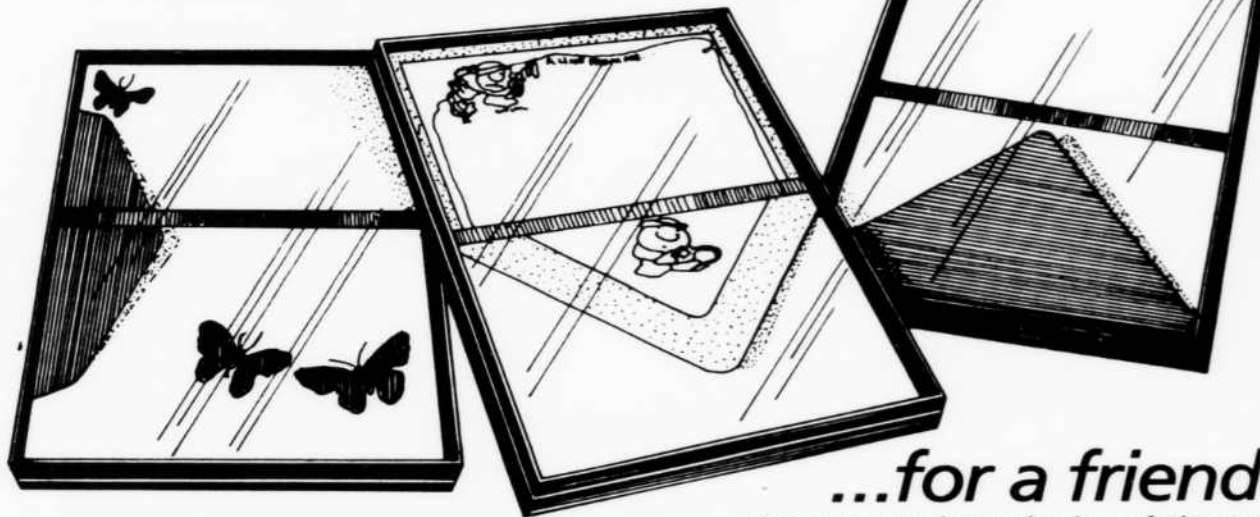
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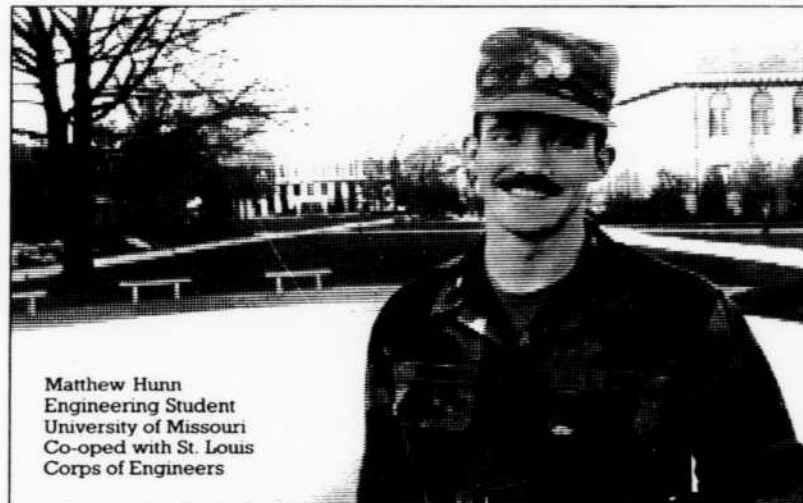


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MTSU readies for Homecoming

By CHRIS BELL
Staff Writer

The countdown to this year's Oktoberfest Homecoming begins this week with the election of the Homecoming Queen.

While the results will not be announced until the actual festivities, voting took place yesterday along with elections for freshman and graduate senator position. [See related story].

Today is the deadline for organizations interested in participating in Homecoming events, ASB President Harry Hosey said. The Oktoberfest theme is one of several changes planned for the celebration.

"We're going to try and make it a little more campus oriented," Hosey said. "It won't be perfect, but we're trying very hard."

"We do intend to learn from our mistakes," Hosey said. "There will be a follow-up critique a couple of weeks after Homecoming is over where we can determine what went

well and where we can improve."

The official theme is "Oktoberfest: Eine Feier des Erfolges," (A Celebration of Success). The celebration will run from Oct. 9 through 15, beginning with the Queen's Tea at the president's mansion and the Blue Raider Biathlon at the Boro Bar and Grill, both at 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9.

The Fight Song Competition will be held at 3 p.m., Monday, Oct. 10 in front of the Keathley University Center. The Window Decoration Contest judging will be held at 10 a.m., Oct. 11, and the Tennessee Livestock Center will host the "Oktoberfest" Chili Cook-Off beginning at 5 p.m. Walk the West will entertain and a sauerkraut-eating contest will continue the German theme.

The Scavenger Hunt will start at 3 p.m., Oct. 12, in front of the KUC. Judging for Activities Day will begin at 3 p.m., Oct. 13, on the lawn between the Cope Building and Peck Hall.

On Friday, Oct. 14, the Residence Hall Decoration Con-

test judging will take place at 10 a.m., and the Bonfire/Pep Rally will take place at 7 p.m. on Cummings Field. A Homecoming Party will follow at the Boro Bar and Grill.

The Homecoming Parade will begin at 9 a.m. on the Murfreesboro City Square, and MTSU will play Morehead State at 1:30 p.m. The Homecoming Queen and her court will be announced during halftime.

● All Oktoberfest Homecoming event entry forms must be completed and turned into the ASB office, room 324 of the Keathley University Center, today by noon. Entry packets are available in the office.

All organizations competing in Homecoming must also have a representative attend the contestants' meeting today at 5 p.m. in the ASB office. Any group without a representative will be ineligible for the overall Homecoming championship and the spirit award.

ASB Senators elected

By CHRIS BELL
Staff Writer

Six new Associated Student Body Senators will be sworn in during today's joint meeting of the ASB House and Senate.

One graduate senator and five freshman senators were elected during yesterday's voting, according to Election Commissioner Joan Brooks.

Freshman senators are Sean Burgess, 154 votes; Ed Oglesby, 77 votes; Mary Parker, 73 votes; Leslie Higinbotham, 70 votes and Chris Kelly, 69 votes.

David Clement was elected to the graduate senator position vacated by former ASB President Holly Lentz, who was elected to the seat this spring but has since left school. Clement was elected with a total of three votes but there were also a large number of individual candidates for the position each receiving one write-in vote.

Graduate senators have traditionally been elected with few votes. Former ASB President Bobby Hop-

kins was elected with two votes in 1987.

The ASB will meet in a joint session this afternoon at 4 p.m. in room 324 of the Keathley University Center. Resolutions concerning the proposed student-run radio station, automatic electronic doors and additional speed bumps on campus will be discussed, as well as the ASB budget.

House representatives must attend one of the next two meetings to be officially registered for the rest of the year, according to ASB President Harry Hosey.

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EDITORIAL

Cutting student loans asinine, education not Bush's game

By LISA NEWTON
News Editor

While Vice President George Bush gives lip service to education in his campaign, fewer people will be able to receive a college education if he's elected president.

Eligibility requirements for student loans, which many people need in order to go through school, have been gradually tightened since President Reagan took office in 1981, a trend likely to continue if Bush becomes president.

Bush has been part of an administration which has reduced spending on education from the beginning. His claim of being the "Education President" rings false as less than two months from the election, he has failed to take a strong stance on any issues dealing with education.

This tells the people in this country that Bush thinks there are more important things than a college degree. Because his number one priority seems to be defense, people will think defending this country against the "enemy" is more important to Bush than educating our people.

Because Bush is so defense-minded, when the time comes to tighten the federal budget, the money won't be squeezed from defense but from education. Without education, we may end up a country not worth defending.

At MTSU, the financial aid given to students in the form of Guaranteed Student Loans has decreased by approximately \$2.3 million since the 1985-86 year. This year alone, 3,400 people applied for student loans. An estimated 50 percent of those received less money than in past years or were turned down for a loan altogether.

Those people turned down for loans may not be able to go to school at all. They might have been lawyers, doctors or politicians. Instead, they'll probably spend their lives in low-paying jobs, neither helping themselves nor the economy.

When President Carter was in office, he introduced the

Middle Income Student Assistance Act, which was passed by Congress. His philosophy was that anybody should be allowed to borrow money for an education. In that act, there were no restrictions on the loans.

In the first year of Reagan's presidency, he did away with the Middle Income Student Assistance Act. Then a system was set up which allowed anyone who applied for assistance and earned under \$30,000 annually to receive a loan.

More than likely, this system worked a little too smoothly for the administration, so it didn't last long.

At the beginning of the 1988 academic year, a system for deciding eligibility called Congressional Methodology was put into effect.

This method is the government's way of taking more time to lend less money than in years past. Not only do fewer people receive less money, the time it takes to actually get the money is more than doubled.

This is due to the seemingly endless paperwork needed to apply for, process and receive the loan, all of which means less money spent by the government and more money spent by the colleges.

Because the financial aid office now disperses the loan checks and handles a lot more paperwork than ever before, MTSU is paying staff to handle just the paperwork.

Obviously, the system needs changes. Everyone should have the opportunity to receive a complete education. This is the reason state and community colleges, universities, vocational and technical schools were set up.

But increases in tuition threaten that educational possibility. By changing the qualifications for the Guaranteed Student Loan program so that anyone who wants to go to school will have the chance, the next president can show he is as committed to the future of this country as he is to defending it.

What future generations will recall

By MIKE REED
Staff Columnist

My mortality is not something I think about on a daily basis. It is not the most pleasant thing in the world to discuss. Face it, although medical science is making incredible breakthroughs in organ replacement and the treatment of disease, we have all got to go to that big Graceland in the sky sometime.

What bothers me most about this is the idea that scholars will one day look back on this year and wonder what in blue blazes we thought we were doing. I lay awake at night wondering the same thing myself. What will the scholars discover about us?

I (at great effort and expense) have put together a partial list of what 1988 has in store for these people after you and I have become dinner and dessert (respectively) for the weevils. So here it is, Mike Reed's list of what future generations will discover about us. Clip and save (for posterity).

Talk shows were a major part of civilization in 1988. It was considered in poor taste not to be able to quote from such incredible minds as Oprah Winfrey (who in 1993 changed her name to Mrs. Butterworth, sued the syrup company, lost her incredible fortune, wrote a book about her experience and got it all back), Geraldo Rivera (died in 1992 due to chronic sensationalism), Phil (still kicking) Donahue, and Sally Jesse Raphael (later dropped her middle name due to yuppie middle names going out of vogue). One point, however, a show's worth was determined by the name of the host and how much of it was used in the title, hence "Oprah Winfrey Show", "Donahue".

"Geraldo", and "Sally Jesse Raphael".

Mid-1988, a man predicted the end of the world. He said rapture would happen and the end of the world would follow seven years later. A poll of MTSU students found out the following: 45% skipped class that day in honor of the second coming, 60% said they would have skipped class anyway, 15% thought the end of the world was pretty redundant, since they were already at MTSU.

Late in 1988, President Ronald Reagan became the first live president to have his likeness printed on currency. The big joke of the time was "We always knew he was as queer as a three-dollar bill."

Financial Aid was a big problem for students of the time. The Reagan administration decided that stupid, poor kids wouldn't know what they were missing, so why educate them? This policy started a series of riots, the most serious of which happened on MTSU campus when the Cope Administration Building was stormed by students carrying large magnets. The riot ended when the administration (due to the magnetic field created) lost their minds and disappeared in a puff of logic. Note: the key phrase of the riot was "today Financial Aid, tomorrow the bookstore."

On a final note, USA TODAY was hailed as the king of media. Many people filled their daily conversation with vile repugnance such as "Americans are eating more cheese!" or "Drunken Harry Hosey kills seven at chess tournament."



Misspelings gett calumest's goht

By LUCY MOGENSEN-VERMILLION
STAFF COLUMNIST

It is a curious phenomenon that in our world of intellectuals gathered together for the pursuit of further intellectuality that there should be so many poor spellers in our midst. At one time there was a widely accepted theory that anyone could learn to spell words under the right condition — be they oral drills, written repetition, frequent testing or some other form of severe emotional trauma.

Most, if not all of us, have suffered under the tyranny of this educational theory at some point. My own memories of the fourth grade include "snapshots" of a classmate sweating in embarrassed silence while Mrs. Williams insisted he spell "astronaut" from memory.

But modern intelligence theories assert that there are several different types of intelligence that range all the way from being able to orient space and design to being able to make an intuitive leap from one point to a logical next.

Most of us are strong in one or two areas and weaker in others. If this theory is accepted, it becomes easier to forgive the chronic misspellers and reasonable to accept the precept that some people simply cannot spell, in the same way it seems some people cannot add, subtract, multiply or divide.

But that leaves us in something of a dilemma when the people who can't spell are the same people who post advertisements on campus, edit our student publications and write important letters of recommendation for us. It is very important to realize that in this world we live in, first impressions are everything — whether we like it or not.

Hand in hand with that, the way we write, spell and otherwise attempt to communicate with other human beings affects the way we think. We choose words very deliberately to make the exact impression we intend to make on our readers, and the way we spell them makes a difference.

A good example of this can be illustrated in the difference between "says" and "sez." As one professor pointed out, there is actually no difference in the pronunciation of these two words for the vast majority of American speakers of English. And yet, despite identical denotative meanings, the connotations of these two words are vastly different — completely affected through spelling.

Given this, one has to wonder what implication is intended when a student publication prints the word "curriculum" in a bold headline spelled as "cirriculum." What does this imply about the nature of our courses here at MTSU?

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Concerning your article on "The Last Temptation of Christ," Mr. F. Epperson, you seem to be a bit confused on a few things. I'm sure you're well aware of the background of Christ, or you think you are, and if not, then I suggest you brush up on your personal religious study before you write an article concerning the son of God.

Epperson, you either believe in the documented history of Christ and what He gave to man — or you don't. There is no happy "in-between" ground, and it's a shame you don't understand that, or maybe you do, and you just have a very overpowering imagination. But, like Nikos Kazantzakis, you shouldn't press your imaginative beliefs on anyone when there is documented material on a certain subject.

You see, Epperson, if somewhere down the road, someone decided to write a story based on your life, would you just want them using their imagination or a documented diary you'd left behind? What if they just up and said, "Well, let's make this Epperson person a homosexual to make his life a little more exciting for us." No, I don't think you'd be jumping around for joy.

If you had an actual belief in the matter of Jesus Christ, you would have regarded the movie as either true to stated fact, or off course a bit. But instead, you took a very non-informative approach and implied that the movie was simply "there," and that it was just a pretty little imaginative approach to the life of Christ. No, I'm sorry, that doesn't cut it. The life of Jesus isn't a story to be manipulated for the times. It has been documented and should be portrayed as such. Let's not change the history of the greatest man who ever lived, just to fancy your imagination. You would not just "imagine" what another galaxy looked like, when you can step in front of a mirror.

Name withheld upon request
Box 9779

To the Editor:

My letter concerns the "B Street" cartoon in the September 26 issue of the *Sidelines*. Basil Steed's translation of "statements made by chicks" was offensive and extremely untrue. I am surprised you even considered printing it. I guess you live in a world where all the guys are gentlemen and bluebirds sit on your shoulder.

Date rape is real and it is *not* something to joke about. It's scary as hell and it takes a long time to come to grips with it. Obviously, no one at the *Sidelines* has been through it, but there are many who have. That which you think is funny scares us.

The cartoon was an encouragement for guys not to take no for an answer. When a girl says "no," she means "NO!" If she's playing hard-to-get, then it's her fault she's going to bed alone and she'll know to say "yes" next time. Please refrain from printing such egotistical crap. That's what it is, and it's time some guys out there learned that.

Pam Perkins
Box 5772

(Editor's Note: Though your concern is both understood and appreciated, it is important to analyze the real meaning of the cartoon to which you referred. The cartoonist was satirizing and not condoning the type of behavior portrayed in the strip. This inference was shared by our staff and we regret that you did not agree.)



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Written submissions must be accompanied by a title page including the author's name, address, and phone number.

Artwork must be mounted in a manner appropriate for display and must be tagged with the artist's name, address, and phone number.

Please send or bring submissions to the *Collage* office, room 310 of the James Union Building, Box 61, MTSU.

Deadline is Friday, October 7, 4 p.m.

SPORTS

Wellness Center shapes MTSU

By JASON ALLEN
Staff Writer

For all of you out there who have been wanting to get into shape, MTSU now has the place you've been looking for.

It's inexpensive, it has all the modern-day equipment, and most importantly, it's located right here on the MTSU campus. It's called the Wellness Center.

"The main thing we want to do is to expose our program to the students," said Dick Lalance of the Wellness Center.

"What the Wellness Center has to offer is a very fine service for the students, faculty, staff, and their spouses. It is a total wellness center where not just exercise routines are done. It's more than a fitness center, it's an entire workout program."

The cost of the membership is \$15 a month, and you must commit to at least four months. This is a very small fee considering the number of services you get and the amount of individual attention you receive.

When you first become a member of the Wellness Center, a trained exercise technician will interview you, conduct a health-risk appraisal, do a resting

EKG, and administer an exercise test.

This information will then be fed into a computer. The computer will analyze these results and determine what activities are best suited for your individual needs. You will then be given a workout program to go along with particular activities.

A technician will give each new member a personal introduction to the Wellness Center. They will show you each piece of equipment and what it does. They will also make sure that your first few workouts are realistic, safe, and gradual.

The Wellness Center has a series of test for those who want a complete wellness assessment. This test is usually administered at the beginning of your membership but can be given anytime.

This complete wellness assessment consists of the following test: A health-risk appraisal, resting EKG, physician's interpretation of resting EKG, exercise test (treadmill), cholesterol count, computer fitness assessment, nutritional analysis, and an underwater body fat test, which is optional.



Robert Colvard of the accounting department gets a work-out at the Wellness and Fitness Center.

Wayne Cartwright•Staff

These tests are provided to help you evaluate your current health and to show you what areas you need to work on.

In addition to equipment such as treadmills, rowing machines, and bicycles, the Wellness Center also provides many unique services, including aerobic dance classes and fitness swims.

Single stations are available for those who want a complete strength training and toning program. The center has brand new locker facilities for both men and women.

People who are eligible to become members of the Wellness Center are the MTSU faculty, administration, staff, and the spouses

of these individuals.

Times for the workouts are as follows:

7:00-10:00 a.m. daily-Faculty, staff, spouses, and students.

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up or get any information can call 898-5549 or go by the Wellness Center, which is located in room 152 of Alumni Gym.

The Wellness Center has been in operation for a year, since the remodeling of the Alumni Gym.

They currently have 81 memberships enrolled in the center.

Blue Raiders seek third straight win

By MICHELLE
GALLOWAY
Sports Editor

After a decisive 26-10 victory over Georgia Southern last week, the Blue Raiders take to the road in hopes of gaining their third win in a row.

Jackson, Miss. will be the site of the Raiders next game against the 1-2 Braves of Alcorn State.

The first game between the two schools will be held at Mississippi's Memorial Stadium.

Alcorn State claims that they have the "nation's best secondary."

MTSU Head Coach Boots Donnelly doesn't seem to mind.

"Their secondary is

pretty good," said Donnelly, "but we haven't exactly picked anybody else's secondary apart so far, so maybe that won't bother us so much."

The Blue Raiders aerial attack seems to be suffering. They have completed only 21 of 60 passes for 293 yards in four games and no touchdowns. They also have fallen to sixth in the OVC with an average of 248 yards per game. The 26 points scored against Georgia Southern last week was the season-high for the Raiders.

"Our young offensive unit seems to be coming along now," said Donnelly. "But we can't say yet they're of age."

The offense has relied upon the foot of placekicker Joe Lisle.

Lisle kicked his way into the record books last week with four field goals.

Which in turn means that the Raiders failed to score touchdowns on four of their opportunities.

"We've got to improve," said Donnelly. "We should have had touchdowns on at least two of those drives. But we are continuing to play enthusiastically and aggressively. We just have to keep getting better."

The Raiders' defense has intercepted their opponents 11 times this season, five against Georgia Southern last week. They are ranked second in the OVC,

behind Tennessee State, allowing an average of 246 yards per game.

Once again, the defense will be called upon to stop Alcorn's solid fullback, Calvin Gaines.

• Joe Lisle was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week for his school-record of four field goals from 32, 24, 20 and 40 yards. He is also ranked 18 in Division I-AA poll.

• OVC Defensive Player of the Week honors went to senior linebacker Don Thomas. He had a total of 13 tackles for the game, nine unassisted, and came up with two of MTSU's five interceptions last week.

• MTSU is currently ranked seventh in Division I-AA poll.



Number 44, senior, linebacker Don Thomas, was named OVC Defensive Player of the Week. In last weeks win over Georgia Southern, Thomas had 13 tackles, nine solo.

Lewis loses

By JAMES LITKE
Associated Press

The first time Carl Lewis lost, it was to a bitter enemy. The second time, it was to a friend.

"That's what the Games are all about. There are going to be some disappointments, there is going to be some joy," 21-year-old Joe DeLoach said Wednesday, minutes after passing Lewis two strides from the finish and covering 200 meters in an Olympic-record 19.75 seconds Wednesday to win the gold.

But DeLoach's joy was tempered by the knowledge that he had stopped his

teammate and training partner from doing what no one had ever done before: win the 100- and 200-meter dashes, the long jump and the 400-meter relay in consecutive Olympics.

"It's probably every athlete's hope to get to the Olympics. This is the ultimate. To me, it really, really means a lot," said DeLoach, "but I hate that I was the one to come between Carl's dream."

Lewis, though, was just as gracious.

"I feel very good for Joe. I'm very proud of him," Lewis said. "I worked with him a lot."

"But when he had to get the job done," he added, "he got the job done by himself."

Lewis' chances for another quadruple-gold haul became possible only one day earlier when Ben Johnson's 100-meter gold was stripped after he tested positive for steroids. It dropped into the lap of second-place finisher Lewis, who had added the long jump gold to his collection in the meantime.

"The difference Wednesday," said coach Tom Tellez, "was fatigue. Carl's got to be tired."

OVC coach hospitalized

By Associated Press

Coach Bill Baldrige of Morehead State University underwent a cardiac test Tuesday in Lynchburg, VA., and will be transferred to a Kentucky hospital today, the university said.

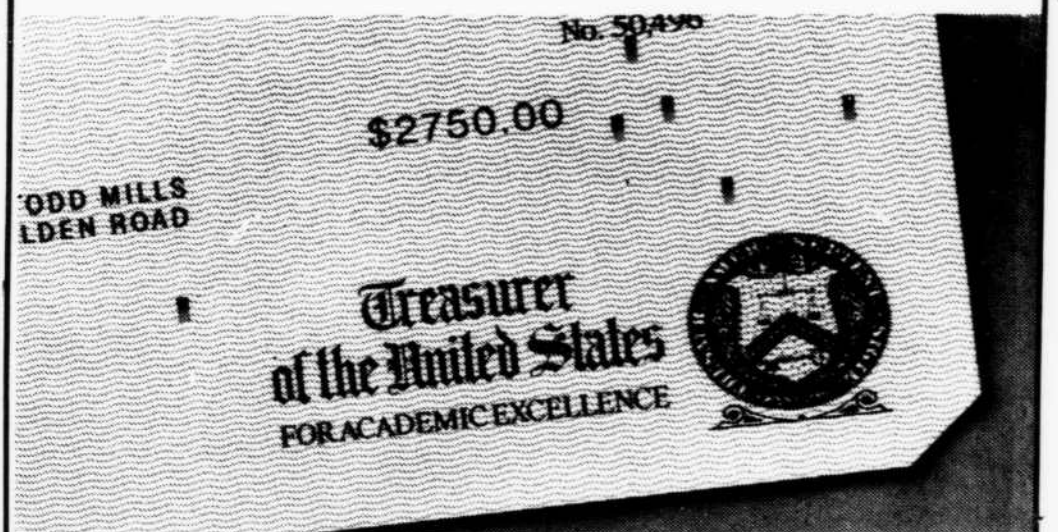
Baldrige, 44, was transferred from Lynchburg General Hospital to Vir-

ginia Baptist Hospital for a cardiac catheterization, a test to determine arterial blockage around the heart, the university said.

After the test, he was returned to Lynchburg General, where he remained in serious but stable condition in that hospital's coronary care unit.

Complete results of the cardiac catheterization were not immediately available, but the university said initial reports indicated Baldrige probably was suffering from the same type of blockage that has resulted in two previous angioplasty procedures — certain methods sometimes used to widen narrowed arteries.

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LIFESTYLES

"Imagine" reveals Lennon's private life through diaries and previously unreleased film collections

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

Have you ever wondered what made the late great John Lennon tick? What went on inside that seemingly genius but sometimes peculiar mind of his?

Many of these questions may be answered in the upcoming Warner Brothers' release, *Imagine: John Lennon*. Called the "most revealing film ever made about the public and private life of John Lennon," *Imagine* uses personal tapes, photographs, and more than 200 hours of film footage from Lennon's private treasury.

Accuracy was a vital part of the making of the film, as it was overseen by Lennon's wife, Yoko Ono. In 1986 Ono approached entertainment giant David L. Wolper with an idea for a movie on the life of her late husband. Wolper, a well known producer for his work on "Roots," and the opening and closing ceremonies of the 1984 Olympic Games, was intrigued by Ono's proposal.

"She felt it was time for a definitive theatrical documentary on John's life, and she wanted me to do it," Wolper explained. "My only concern was that I wanted to be sure that we could assemble the material in such a way that we could reveal not just John Lennon's music, but John Lennon — the man behind the myth. When I began viewing the available footage, my fears were quickly put to rest."

After viewing portions of the film collection, Wolper was astonished to see the intimacy of the footage. "Never before have I encountered a project where the life of a public personality has been so thoroughly chronicled on tape and film," stated Wolper. He continues to explain that the home footage extended to every part of Lennon's life — from his recording studio to his bedroom.

Wolper then contacted producer/director Andrew Solt, with whom he had worked with on the documentary on another rock legend, *This is Elvis*. Solt had several times before discussed doing a documentary. Together they forged the countless hours of footage and other Lennon memorabilia into a

against their Memphis concert and John and Yoko's "Bed-In."

Although best known for his founding role in one of the greatest phenomena of music history, The Beatles, in *Imagine*, Lennon is shown as artist, poet, father, writer, husband and philosopher. Perhaps the

He put down Paul McCartney in a *Rolling Stone* interview in 1970, and on the *Imagine* album in 1971, he recorded a musical put-down of McCartney entitled *How Do You Sleep?*

In the 1970s, Lennon's solo career finally took shape, as he hit his first post-Beatles number one hit, *Whatever Gets You Thru the Night*. The newspapers, however, were still running stories of the other side of Lennon, as in 1974 he claimed to have seen a UFO from his apartment, and his belief that the Nixon administration was trying to have him deported from the country for his anti-war views.

Lennon's solo career began to soar again in 1980, as he was inspired to write music again. The product of that inspiration was the Geffen release *Double Fantasy*, his first album in five years. On November 12, the first single was released entitled, ironically enough, *(Just Like) Starting Over*. Lennon commented on that particular period in his life saying, "It took me forty years to grow up. I see things now that I never knew existed."

Lennon's life, however, was tragically cut short less than a month later, as he was fatally shot by Mark David Chapman in front of his New York apartment, the Dakota.

Imagine: John Lennon is a look at the private side of a very public figure, one who helped shape music history. Through personal film and material from Lennon's archives, this film promises to be the best documentary of the ex-Beatle's life. The movie includes many Beatle and post-Beatle Lennon songs, and will be released on a spectacular double-album. A hardcover book written by Solt with more than 250 photographs from Lennon's treasury will also be published.



John Lennon, founding member of the Beatles, is depicted in the new film, "Imagine: John Lennon".

cohesive 100-minute film on the superstar.

The final product of that work is an inside, up-close-and-personal look at one of the "hidden" personalities in rock-and-roll. Something different and quite entertaining about this documentary is that it is narrated entirely by Lennon himself. This came from the films that Wolper and Solt edited from the Lennon estate.

The pair also contacted every newsreel library they could to find footage of Lennon. Included in the film is seldom seen news footage, such as the group on their tour of Japan, a Ku Klux Klan demonstration

most gripping part of the film is the portion that deals with Lennon's solo career.

It is at this time in his career that he and Yoko began to speak out on social issues. They were very active on civil rights issues, and held benefit concerts for that cause. They met with Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau to discuss peace in 1969 and attended numerous anti-war rallies and protests.

As Lennon's social conscience rose, his love for The Beatles and its members declined. He became totally engrossed in Yoko and lost touch with his former band-mates.

Channel 28 strives to improve; changes include regular anchors

By BETH RICHARDSON
Special to Sidelines

It is rare to find a television station that does not want many viewers watching. That was exactly the case with MTSU's Channel 28 in past years, says News Director Tracey Moore.

"Lots of times programming wasn't right on track. We made lots of mistakes," Moore said. "We didn't want a lot of people watching until we had corrected our errors."

Correcting past errors is exactly what Moore has in mind. For example, last year's newscasts had no specified anchors. This policy sometimes left the station without an anchor at air time.

"I would have to jump up, there and do their job for them," she added. "It just got hectic because I wasn't prepared and I wouldn't have the right clothes on."

To solve such confusion, Moore has added regular news, sports, and weather anchors. The same news team will be seen each Monday night and a different team on Wednesday nights.

The station held auditions for anchor and reporter positions. According to Moore, 53 students auditioned for the anchor spots. Also, everyone who auditioned will have an opportunity to work as a reporter if not chosen by an anchor.

Moore says that there are several characteristics sought for in a television anchor or reporter. Voice tone, posture, and appearance on camera are just a few of those determinants.

"This is really terrible to say, but this is how the world of television works. It depends upon your looks, but not a lot," she says. "We just try to make it look good. We try not to have too many 'brown heads' working together or have too many blondes in there together."

Besides the newscasts, Channel 28's goal is to televise more student-produced programs and to be on the air longer than the present hours of 6 p.m. to midnight.

Many programming ideas have been submitted for this semester, Moore added. Finding good ideas for programming is much of the struggle.

In previous semesters most ideas were "out of reach." The facilities are simply not available to the station to produce many of the student's desired programs.

Moore says, "We don't have the cameras or a truck to take with us. We have to deal with little VHS recorders just like you use at home."

"We don't have it — we just don't. We're a school and not a channel two, four, or five."

Real Town at Wesley

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

Real Town: a Parable of Hope for the Nuclear Age a one-woman show, written and performed by Rosa Burke Perez, will be presented tonight at the Wesley Foundation at 7 p.m.

Real Town takes the audience in the threat of the Nuclear Age, as they see the heroes and the heroines and find that the world's survival is up to them. Audiences seeing *Real Town* come out with an expanded view on their efforts on saving the planet.

Real Town is the second part of a trilogy of plays by Burke Perez, a continuing project called *The Yes Trilogy*. The play began production in 1981, and is on tour in universities in the Southeastern part of the United States.

Tickets for *Real Town* are \$2 for students, and are available at the Wesley Foundation.

**DRINKING AND DRIVING
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Hawn, Russell go "Overboard"

By GARY BUCHANAN
Lifestyles Editor

What do you get when you take a spoiled rich woman, give her a temporary case of amnesia, and mix it with an uneducated mountain man with four monsters he calls children?

Lots of laughs, that's what, as in the case with the romantic comedy currently playing at the KUC cinema, *Overboard*.

Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell star in this film, which resembles an 80's version of the "riches to rags" story. It was directed by Garry Marshall.

As *Overboard* opens, we find Hawn as a rich woman living on yacht who has nothing better to do with her time than harass her crew and henpeck her husband. When an emergency need for repairs, (her closets need to redone) Hawn's boat is docked in a cove in Oregon. There Hawn meets Kurt Russell, an uncooth carpenter who doesn't appeal to her sense of anything.

Russell works painstakingly for days on the closet, trying to meet every one of

Hawn's demands. When Russell finishes his work, Hawn is not pleased, and stifles him the bill.

Russell is outraged, and thinks he's seen the last of Hawn. But wouldn't fate have it, that she would fall overboard, be rescued by another ship, suffer amnesia, and end up in Russell's town? Yep, that's what happens.

Russell hears of the "damsel in distress" and tastes the sweet revenge of what he could do. So, he goes to the local authorities and claims Hawn is his wife, and takes her back up into the hills to his house. Russell's house, however, barely qualifies as such. Russell keeps his house, well, like any single guy would — a mess. To make matters worse, Russell has four rug rats he calls his kids, who terrorize the house day and night.

By abducting Hawn, Russell gets a cook, a maid, a baby(monster)sitter, and some payback for his work. We see Hawn the pampered turn into Hawn the slave, doing every kind of chore in the house and yard.

The rest of the movie

takes the audience through the relationship of the newly formed family. Fortunately for the audience, the off-screen chemistry between Hawn and Russell overlaps on the silver screen, and provides for some fine moments. Reminiscent of the golden year of television's *Moonlighting*, the bickering scenes between Hawn and Russell are the funniest of the film.

Overboard is both funny and heartwarming, and that's not a bad combination for a movie.

Overboard is a "must-see at the K.U.C.," in their venue of fine fall entertainment. Stay tuned for more fine movies and entertainment coming to the K.U.C., and see some good films right here on campus.

MTSU participates in MLT play

from staff reports

MTSU public relations director Dorothy Harrison, graduate Ann Moss Betts, and currently enrolled theater student Daniel Webster showcase their talents in Murfreesboro Little Theater's current production.

Cole Porter's delightful musical *Kiss Me Kate* is slated for an eight-day run starting Friday, September 30.

Harrison, director for the play, says the production boasts a sparkling cast.

Featured in the dual lead role of Lilli Vanessi/Katherine is Betts, who is also the play's musical director.

Betts is a columnist for the "Focus" section of *The Tennessean*. She holds a music performance degree from MTSU and has per-

formed widely throughout the Middle Tennessee area. Webster stars in the dual lead role as actor/director Fred Graham/Petruchio.

Webster has had previous roles at MTSU productions and with the Wesley Foundation Players.

The play within a play opens as a cast is preparing for a pre-Broadway opening in Baltimore of new production of *The Taming of the Shrew*. But there are problems: Luccentio, the second male lead, has lost at gambling and signed Fred Graham's name to an IOU. Graham's ex-wife, Lilli Vanessi, is cast oppo-

site him as Katherine, which means their backstage battles may spill onto the stage. Lilli still carries a torch for Graham, whose roving eye settles on Lois Lane (Bianca). Lilli threatens to leave the show, but Graham conspires with two gangsters who threaten him bodily harm if he doesn't pay his "debt of honor" to keep her with the show.

The plot thickens when gangsters "brush up" on their Shakespeare and Lilli's current suitor arrives.

Kiss Me Kate has a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Oct. 2. Showtime is 8 p.m. nightly

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