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Campus Briefs

Parking services dissolved, chaos ensues

Parking services was dissolved last week. Students, faculty, staff and strangers can park wherever they want.

Parking services director Charles Treece released a statement.

"All you people do is complain. All 20,000 of you want to park next to Peck Hall," he said. "Well it ain't gonna happen. I quit, and I'm taking parking services with me."

University President Sidney McPhee fully supported the dissolution of parking services.

"I've oft longed to park wherever and whenever I want, all willy-nilly like," McPhee said. "Now I have that freedom. I park my car in the Cope Administration Building lobby."

Peck Forest is now full of cars. Rain has quickly turned the area into a mud pit.

RIM major admits he wants to be a rock star

A sophomore recording industry student admitted to his roommate that he really just wants to be a rock star during a conversation about their future on Friday.

"Yeah, I was pretty stoked when I found out I could major in being a rock star," Johnny Parker, freshman recording industry student said. "I'm focusing on the tech side, so I can record my own music, but I'm taking some biz classes too, so I don't get screwed when a major label picks me up."

Parker's roommate, sophomore journalism student Patrick Williamson said he was a bit put-off by his roommate's rock star ambitions.

"He is incredibly lame," Williamson said. "But at least he admits it."

A student was caught feigning Christianity

Junior biology major Chris Patterson was kicked out of the Wesley Foundation's Monday night pizza party after they discovered he was there just for the food.

Wesley Foundation director John Sanders said this is more common than one might think.

"People want free food, and they know we Christians have it," Sanders said. "Some people will stop at nothing to get it."

Apparently Patterson blew his cover during a discussion about creationism and evolution.

"He started going on about how the world is millions of years old or something," Patterson said. "We just looked at him like he was stupid. Everyone knows the Earth is 6,000 years old."

Other religious groups on campus confirmed that Patterson was dining with them as well.

"He always showed up for our Taco Night Tuesday, but never for anything else," said Peter Frakes, director of the Baptist Student Union. "I guess this explains why."

'DNJ' donates itself to MTSU

By Lindsey Turner Staff Writer

MTSU has received gifts in the form of checks, airplanes and buildings, but never has the university received a gift like what Mike Pirtle wants to give: a daily newspaper.

Pirtle, the executive editor of the Daily News Journal in Murfreesboro, has been contemplating the perfect gift to give his pals at MTSU for years, and it finally dawned on him last week, he said, that his newspaper would be the most longlasting, beneficial donation he could possibly make.

"We love MTSU so much and have such a strong obligation to help out the university in any way possible – and I mean any way possible – that we felt it was only appropriate to go ahead and make the *News Journal* an official arm of the university," Pirtle said.

"Really, not that much will change," he added.

"We'll just be supported by tuition dollars in addition to advertising, because we certainly won't attempt to be 'independent,'" he said, laughing as he made quotation marks with his fingers.

Doug Williams, director of News and Public Affairs at MTSU, said the gift is a generous one that will no doubt benefit each student at the university.

"Just think," he said, gazing out of the window in his office into the cloudy October sky, "now students will have access to all the good and wholesome stories from MTSU every day instead of just every other week when we were publishing *The Record*. It's bound to be a veritable smorgasbord of positively spun news, every single day."

Pirtle explained that the News Journal would retain its office on Lytle Street, but that DNJ reporters would be stationed in various offices on campus to take dictation any time a dean or department chair wanted to say something about his or her good deeds and accomplishments.

"As for the president, he will have three reporters with him at all times to observe his good acts and report them to the student body," Pirtle said. "When he helps an old lady cross the street, you will be the first to know.

"There is no reason for anyone on this campus, in this community, or in the surrounding continental U.S. to believe that anyone in power on this campus ever makes mistakes.

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Busted ... or not?



Photo illustration by Brandon Morrison | Photo Editor

An Interstate Crime Enforcement officer threatens the life of Kristy Peoples as officers stormed the Raiders for Christ building on a false tip.

ICE unit raids Raiders for Christ

By Jason Cox

Opinions Editor

Three MTSU students are dead after a false tip lead to a drug raid Monday night on the Raiders for Christ building by the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department.

Members of the Interstate Crime Enforcement unit entered the building during a meeting, and witnesses say that officers opened fire on the students after some of them began screaming hysterically that they did nothing wrong.

Jenna Marsh, 19 and Stephen Greyman, 20, died at the scene with multiple gunshot wounds to the face and chest. Bethani Boller, 18, was airlifted to Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where she died during emergency surgery to remove shrapnel from her

skull.

Mike Shroud, campus minister for RFC, expressed shock and disgust with the actions of the ICE unit.

"I don't know where they get their information, but to arbitrarily kill three students based on what some nutjob from Milwaukee said is a tragedy and a disgusting abuse of law enforcement privilege," Shroud said.

"God's going to kick those Keystone Cops' butts, that's for sure," Jenny Rone, a RFC staff member, said.

Sheriff Truman Jones said the raid was initiated after an anonymous caller from Milwaukee tipped the department to a cocaine distribution ring running in the RFC building.

"The caller, who wished to remain anonymous,

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'Newlyweds' discuss copyright infringement

By Joey Hood Staff Writer

Seigenthaler lecturers Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey discussed illegal downloading and copyright infringement during Tuesday's lecture series in the State Farm Room of the Business and Aerospace building.

During the check-in process, most students didn't know what to expect from the pop starsturned-MTV personalities.

"Honestly, I don't count on an extremely detailed presentation. But hell, if they allow President Bush to lecture people and such, who's to say that pop stars can't," said sophomore political science major Bertha Floyd.

"Besides, Nick Lachey is damn fine with them man breasts," Floyd said. "He needs to give Big Mama Bertha some milk."

Male students offered a different take on the approaching lecture.

"I don't want to hear Jessica Simpson talking about economics or whatever. I'm just here in support of my penis," said freshman physical education major Franco Fernandez.

"We're big fans of Jessica Simpson. We even spent 15 bucks on the recent *In the Skin* album cover. Now the music is a steaming pile of horse manure, but at least Jessica knows how to take her clothes off in a semi-suggestive Christian manner," Fernandez continued.

After the extensive check-in, Lachey and Simpson walked into the State Farm Room unannounced, waved to the apathetic audience and took a seat behind the mahogany podium where they began to lecture.

The couple began their presentation with a brief overview of how illegal downloading directly affects recording artists, songwriters, producers and engineers.

"Stealing is wrong, y'all,"
Simpson said. "Some people say that I stole the melody of 'Jack and Diane' in my last pop hit, 'I Think I'm in Love.' I didn't steal. My record label had to pay good money for that sample. It's called being creative.

Lachey elaborated, explaining that 98 Degrees' recent demise is the direct handiwork of online piracy.

"We had to cancel our '98 Degrees and Smokin' tour because people weren't coming out for the shows. My guess is that downloaders are to blame for this somehow. As artists, we were at the top of our game. I mean, with songs like 'Girl, You Lookin' Alright, Aight,' and 'Girl, I Wanna Touch You Downtown,' how can you go wrong," Lachey asked the

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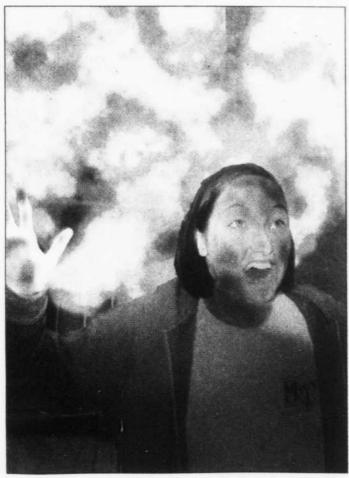


Photo Illustration by Brandon Morrison | Photo Editor
Sidelines News Editor Kristin Hall flees after setting
fire to Reynolds Hall for a news story on Oct. 8.

Editors run amuck for sake of paper

By Amanda Maynord Managing Editor

After a thorough investigation of the recent fire in Reynolds Hall, authorities have confirmed a case of foul play by members of

According to Lt. Jim Fanguy of MTSU Public Safety, Sidelines paraphernalia was found at the scene of the fire.

the Sidelines news department.

"Our investigation team was called to an area where a Sidelines reporter's notebook was found," Fanguy said. "We also located a charred portion of a T-shirt having the logo MT Sidelines on it."

Fanguy also suggested that the telephone call received by Public Safety at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 8, originated from the *Sidelines* office in the James Union Building.

Sidelines Editor in Chief Patrick Chinnery denies all involvement of the student newspaper with any incident that may put students or faculty in harms

"We are a loving group here at Sidelines," Chinnery said. "We are

"I have a habit to support and care nothing of the Greek system. I really don't care, because I have no morals."

> -Nick Fowler News Editor

almost cult-like we're so close to one another. We are all aware of the goings on in the office and refuse to play into this mockery of our journalistic integrity."

Authorities close to the investigation also suspect news editors Kristin Hall and Nick Fowler in the disappearance of rent checks from Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma fraternities.

Fowler admitted his involve-

ment with the missing checks to Sidelines in a recent telephone interview.

"I took their rent checks and I'm fine with that," Fowler said. "I have a habit to support and care nothing of the Greek system. I really don't care, because I have no morals."

Fowler also admitted that his partner in crime, Hall, was involved with the Reynolds dorm fire.

"Why don't you ask Kristin why all her clothes smell like smoke?" Fowler asked.

Hall confirmed her involvement with the dorm fire and blames stress from her position at Sidelines as motivation for her extreme antics.

"I'm just so stressed out about filling up the pages for Thursday issues," Hall said. "One night I was sitting in my house and said to myself, 'I'm taking matters into my own hands and making my own news."

Public Safety obtained a warrant

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and searched Hall's residence, finding a smoke-stained notebook and several articles of clothing with a charcoal like substance on them.

"It's so difficult being news editor," Hall said. "Everyone is always pressuring you to get the scoop and I did. How do you think the quadrangle got cracked last semester or that cross got erected on the same spot?"

After further investigation of these incidents, it was discovered that both editors had been creating their news for some time. Fowler and Hall admit to cracking the quadrangle and erecting a large cross on the very same place.

"I just took my handy dandy golf club and cracked that mother wide open," Fowler said. "Kristin really made me do it and I did for the sake of the paper."

Hall sites a desire to spark a religious war on campus as her motivation to erect the 10-foot wooden cross draped with a large purple cloth.

"I wanted to see a good, oldfashioned gun battle," Hall said. "Do you know how many great stories and photo opportunities come out of war coverage? Ask anyone in the Bush administration, they'll tell you.

Sidelines will not comment on the status of the two employees and will not release any information pertaining to these recent developments. •

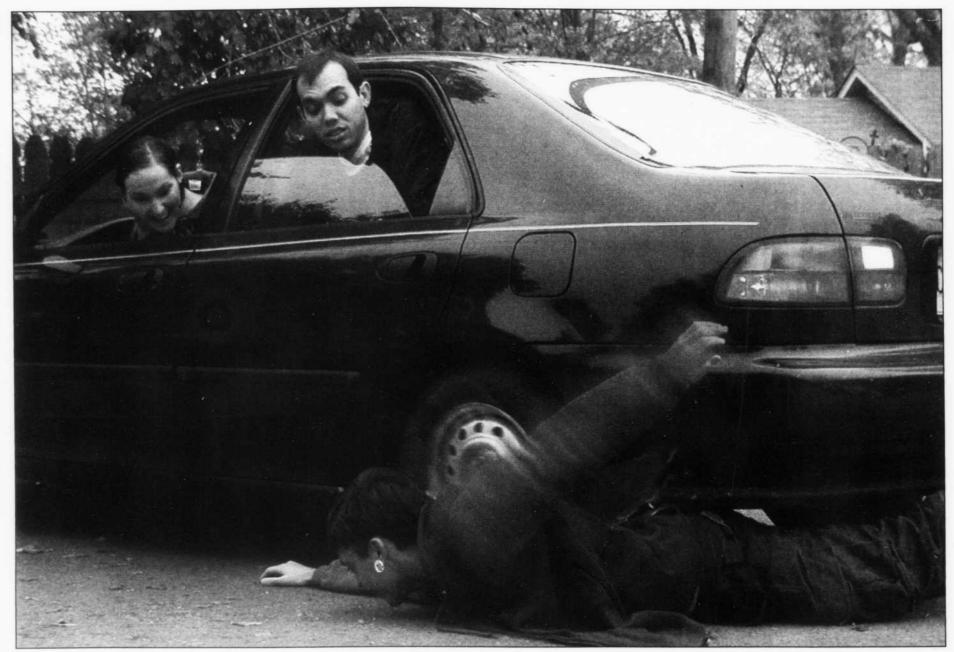


Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

Psychotic News Editor Kristin Hall backs up over junior music major I.C. Goodyear in the Belle Aire parking lot for a story to be run next week. Fellow News Editor Nick Fowler watches from the back seat to make sure the spine breaks. Goodyear identified himself before passing away.

Campus floods, students build ark

By Kristin Hall News Editor

Concerned by the six straight days of rain and the flooding on campus, students on campus have started to construct a concrete ark to safely house two of each major until

the rain ceases. Designed by engineering students and built by concrete industry management majors, the ark is being constructed behind the Voorhies Industrial Studies building.

"This is an emergency situation and the administration is obviously not doing a damn thing about it," said Student Association Government

President Michelle Butler. Students interested in boarding the ark should fill out applications at the SGA office in the Keathley University Center, Room 208.

'Only two of each major will be allowed, due to space limitation," Butler explained. "We're going to pick the best students out of the bunch. That way we can rebuild the university when the rain stops.'

Some students are skeptical of the plan and are opting

instead to wait the rain out.

"This is ridiculous," commented senior Ben Pauley. "So the campus can't hold water well. It doesn't mean the end of

"Oh, come on! This has been prophesied in the Bible," replied Gabe Woodard, president of MTSU's Baptist Collegiate

"You'd have to be ignorant to ignore this as a sign from God that he is upset with MTSU," Woodard said. "It's like a modern day Sodom and Gomorrah

University President Sidney McPhee issued a statement yesterday after he found out about the ark and assured students that the flooding on campus is normal and should not be construed as anything but a common nuisance.

"We've been working on the draining system here for the past few years, but there is no reason to get hysterical about this," McPhee explained.

However, Sideways has found out that the president has been secretly building his own boat in his garage with universi-

ty funds. "Oh, that? That's just for a

fishing trip. Yeah, a fishing trip I'm taking this weekend," McPhee said when confronted with receipts.

Several philosophy majors have formed a group called Students Against the Ark, who state that the issue is not whether or not God has plans to destroy the university, but instead whether the rain is real.

"How do we know whether or not we are actually wet?" asked Skii Wills, president of SAA. "We are not rationally justified in saying that rain is even real, so why are we making all this fuss anyway?"

Other student organizations, angry about the space limitations, have decided to build their own boats.

"The Greek community felt that they were being excluded in the plan organized by the SGA," said Greek Life Director Kim

The plans for the Greek boat are still in the works, but fraternity and sorority members said they feel certain it will be com-

"Hey, we've built floats in a week. Why not an ark?" said Sarah Herby, Kappa Delta pres-



The Student Government Association built this ark, shown behind the Voorhies Industrial Studies Building. Students apply to board the ark in KUC, Room 208.

everyone sharing a dorm to work out dis-

putes through any effective means available."

information about counseling services.

Trash, students tossed from dormitory windows



Photo illustration by Brandon Morrison | Photo Editor

Ricky Newbie, freshman business major, falls to his death after being thrown out of Cummings by his roommate. This is just one of many incidents that have plagued the freshmen dorms.

By Matthew Adair Staff Writer

Students traveling near Cummings and Corlew Halls should keep their eyes up, and not simply because of pennies and trash.

The recent problem of students dumping trash from the seven-story residence halls is worsening. Now unsuspecting students, usually those in their first year on campus, are being hurled out the windows by their roommates and resident assistants. Twentyseven incidents have occurred in the past

week, with no end in sight. "We're stunned," said Rosalee May, Coordinator for Custodial Services with the university's Department of Housing and Residential Life. "Absolutely stunned. We knew the trash problem at the first-year halls was a serious problem, but we never expected it to come to this."

"I don't understand what I did to get him so upset," commented Gno T'all, a freshman English major. "One moment I was working at my desk, and the next thing I knew I was tumbling in mid-air."

T'all is currently hospitalized at Baptist Hospital with multiple injuries. His roommate declined to comment on the incident.

The rapid rise of falling students is becoming a great concern with faculty and students. The proximity to the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building to both dormitories has led many teachers to move their classes elsewhere or cancel until measures are taken to correct the problem.

"This is absurd ... how can we keep our students focused when they run outside to gawk at the latest victim of the hour," complained Catherine Crooks, a teacher with the Psychology department.

Outrage is also building over the univer-

sity's lack of an immediate response. "(The

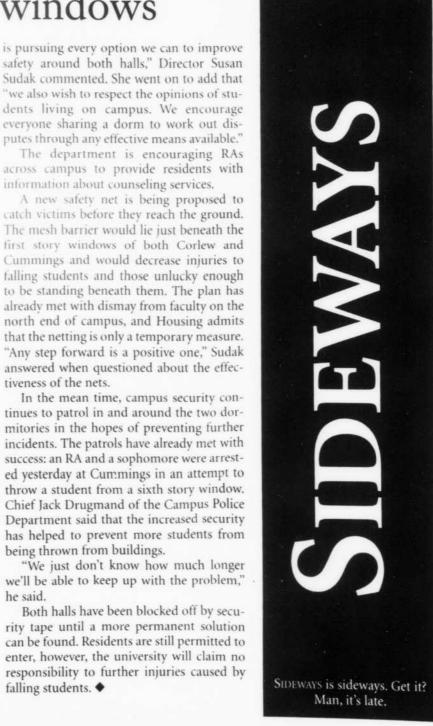
department of Housing and Residential Life)

In the mean time, campus security continues to patrol in and around the two dormitories in the hopes of preventing further incidents. The patrols have already met with success: an RA and a sophomore were arrested yesterday at Cummings in an attempt to throw a student from a sixth story window. Chief Jack Drugmand of the Campus Police Department said that the increased security has helped to prevent more students from

tiveness of the nets.

being thrown from buildings. "We just don't know how much longer we'll be able to keep up with the problem,"

Both halls have been blocked off by security tape until a more permanent solution can be found. Residents are still permitted to enter, however, the university will claim no responsibility to further injuries caused by falling students. •



'Sidelines' forms co-ed fraternity

By Wendy Caldwell Staff Writer

A new Greek organization came to MTSU last week when the Sidelines' staff formed a coed fraternity.

The decision to form a fraternity was largely supported by Sidelines editor in chief and fraternity president Patrick Chinnery and managing editor and fraternity vice president Amanda Maynord.

"We discussed it at our summer meeting," Chinnery explained. "At first, the staffers were skeptical, but now everyone is really excited. I think this is a step we should have taken a long time ago."

The fraternity, Theta Nu Sigma, is a local fraternity and was officially founded on Oct. 23. It is not currently nationally affiliated because a local co-ed fraternity of the same name exists at the University of

"We decided on the name first," Chinnery explained. "We unanimously chose Theta Nu Sigma. If we were to become nationally affiliated, we would have to change our name. Right now, that's not a step we're willing to take."

The group also plans to move their office from the James Union Building to Greek

"We've been planning to

move to the Mass Comm[unications] Building for a while, but construction hasn't started," Maynord explained. "It wasn't hard to change our new location to Greek Row."

Plans for the Theta Nu Sigma house include a kitchen, social room and living room on the first floor.

The second floor will be reserved for housing for the members of the editorial staff, with preference going to the editorial board, according to Chinnery.

The office will be located on the third floor.

Construction is set to begin in late December or early

"It's going to cost a lot more than the Mass Comm office would have," Maynord said. "We're going to have to sell more ads."

Theta Nu Sigma also plans to host a week-long fund-raiser each year.

"We're aiming to have the event in late March or early April," Kristin Hall, fund-raising chair, said.

stages, but we're definitely looking at a competition between Greek organizations." "We are planning an all-you-

"We're still in the planning

can-eat barbecue for late November, but we haven't picked a date yet," Hall contin-

The formation of the organization has received attention all over campus.

"How many colleges can say they have a fraternity that prints a newspaper three times a week?" Kim Godwin, director of Greek Life, said. "Some towns can't even say that."

"Kim [Godwin] has been a big help to us," Chinnery noted. "When we first started this, we didn't really know what to do. We've been impressed by the support we've received from both Kim and the Greeks on this campus."

Theta Nu Sigma will recruit its first pledge class the last week of January.

Until then, their focus is

establishing themselves as the newest Greek organization on

"Right now, we're just trying to get the word out," Chinnery said. "We're an organization dedicated to creating an outstanding newspaper while bridging the perceived gaps between Sidelines and Greeks."

Members will be wearing letters all week in order to promote the fraternity.

"I've always wanted Greek letters," Maynord said. "I'm going to wear my flip-flops all

For more information about Theta Nu Sigma, contact Chinnery at 898-2337. ◆

Raid: Cops 'merely protecting themselves'

Interstate Crime

"Furthermore, the ICE officers were merely protecting themselves. How were they supposed to know the kids didn't

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MTSU pap each day, I would

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Journal," said junior philosophy

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Williams asserts that this

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Some critics are skeptical

students, the RCSD would not conduct an investigation and the officers who participated in shooting the students would not face any sort of suspension

These fine officers were just doing their jobs," Jones said. "The drug underground is dangerous, and sometimes collateral damage does happen."

MTSU President Sidney McPhee, who declined a request for an interview, issued a statement about the incident.

"What happened Monday night is a senseless tragedy," the

statement read. "Everyone who knows anything about MTSU's drug scene knows that the drug rings initiate out of Schardt Hall and Scarlett Commons, certainly not the Raiders for Christ

While the RFC building was closed for repairs as of press time, Pettigrew said he hopes to have it back open in time to conduct a memorial service for the students next week.

"Maybe those cops would like to help patch the bullet holes in the wall," he said with a look of disgust on his face. •

Fraternities sell papers to pay off back rent

By Lindsey Turner Staff Writer

After almost two months of intense investigation that involved riding around after dusk in patrol cars and shining flashlights into parked cars, campus police have pieced together the puzzle that is the Great Sidelines Disappearance

Luckily for the police, the culprits came forth and had a proposition for the university.

Police Chief Jack Drugmand said that the more than 7,500 copies of Sidelines that disappeared the morning of Aug. 28 were taken by members of two fraternities - Kappa Sigma and Pi Kappa Alpha - desperate to silence a story that reported that they were behind in rent payments to the university.

Drugmand said that the fraternities - who hid the stolen papers in their Greek Row houses beneath thousands of stockpiled gas-station beer displays - finally decided that keeping the papers was a waste of resources.

"In the interest of turning a negative - the Sidelines story into a positive," Drugmand said, "the fraternities decided to sell tive editions worth \$50 each. thousands of papers and not That way they can finally pay off getting caught?"

the rest of the rent they owe to the university."

Because a mere 7,000 issues remain intact (500 of the editions were used as pledge toilet paper during fraternity rush week), the fraternities estimate that they can make almost \$350,000. The profits will allow them to pay off their remaining balance to the university, which stands at about \$50,000. The remaining \$300,000 will go toward establishing a Greekoriented newspaper on campus.

Kim Godwin, director of Greek Life, said that the fraternities' change of heart regarding the stolen papers is indicative of the organizations' willingness to work toward a better public

"Every time you turn around the newspaper is plastered with stories that make Greeks seem like drunken buffoons who like to overturn parked cars and hoot and holler like monkeys," Godwin said.

"But they have managed to turn a terrible situation - the Sidelines story - into one that not only showcases their maturity and responsibility, but one that proves their ingenuity as a cohesive unit as well. I mean, do you have any idea how much the papers as rare, commemora- planning goes into stealing

But Sidelines Editor in Chief Patrick Chinnery said he still thinks the fraternities should be punished for stealing the newspaper, and that at the very least, some of the profits from the commemorative editions should go to buy the newspaper staff some new computers.

"It's bad enough that the police couldn't catch the perpetrators," Chinnery said, "but now that the bad guys are profiting from our hard work is unacceptable. We deserve some of that money. We are working on Apple II-Es, for God's sake." Godwin said it was possible

that the fraternities might invite the Sidelines staff to the celebratory beer bust following next week's sale, but that it would be up to the fraternities to issue the official invite.

"I can't force them to mix and mingle with a gaggle of journalism nerds," she said. 'That's something they will have to decide for themselves. Reputations are difficult to uphold, you know."

The Aug. 28 Sidelines Commemorative Edition Sale will be held on the Keathley University Center Knoll Monday from noon until 10 p.m.

Buyers will receive the entire broadsheet newspaper as well as a certificate of authenticity.

regretted the deaths of the three

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said he knew of a multi-million dollar cocaine operation running under the guise of a Christian organization," Jones

"With the information we had, the department had no choice but to initiate a raid with Enforcement unit.

have weapons?" he continued.

and armed robbers."

and obscure the truth.

DNJ: Paper won't try to brainwash masses Continued from 1 ter community image for the MTSU's public relations disuniversity that will result in a "Except for the student higher standard of living for

> MTSU students and staff. 'It's logical, really," he said. "You've got a highly respected news outlet that people trust, and they are telling people about all the good things that happen at MTSU. When people read those good things, they want to write lots of checks to the university and send their honor students here.

> "With full coverage from the News Journal, it's possible that our enrollment could grow to make us the largest undergraduate institution in the world within five years! Then I'll finally be able to collect on that bet I made in 1999."

Pirtle denies that becoming

seminator No. 1 will harm the credibility of his newspaper.

That's really an unfair claim - that somehow we're not credible or dependable when we're just reporting news that makes the university look good," he

"And what's even more unfair is that the good people of this community would even care about the supposed mistakes of the people running this institution. It's not like they're

'Why should we hold them to some sort of unattainable standard? Why can't we focus on the good and not the bad? And who better to tell us what to focus on than the folks at

Lecture: Everything downloaders' fault

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crowd.

According to the couple, the recent success of their reality television series, MTV Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica, has vet to translate into record sales. In fact, In the Skin has sold an anemic 178,000 copies since its late-summer debut.

worsen matters, Simpson's foray into books, I Do: Achieving Your Dream Wedding is currently struggling for its survival on The New York Times Bestseller List.

loaders for that," Simpson

"In the book I get to wear pretty dresses and who doesn't want to see that? I mean, that's like saying you don't want to see Versace paint or something."

Many students who attended the lecture had mixed reactions, including junior recording industry major, Anita Roop.

"At the door, they were handing out their records like it was crack cocaine or some shit. I only felt sorry for them," Roop

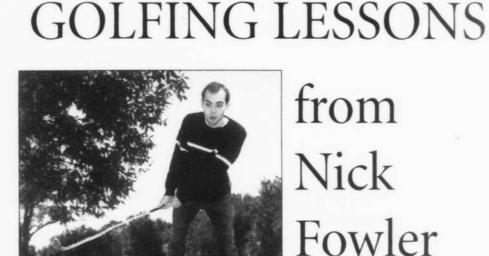
dent at MTSU, had a different response to the couple's lecture.

'It was much better than having to listen to Al Gore ramble on about saving the environment, I'll give it that."

Despite the differing reactions on the singers' lecture,

their overall message was clear. "How do we prevent illegal downloaders? This shouldn't even be a question," Lachev said. "Congress needs to outlaw computers." •

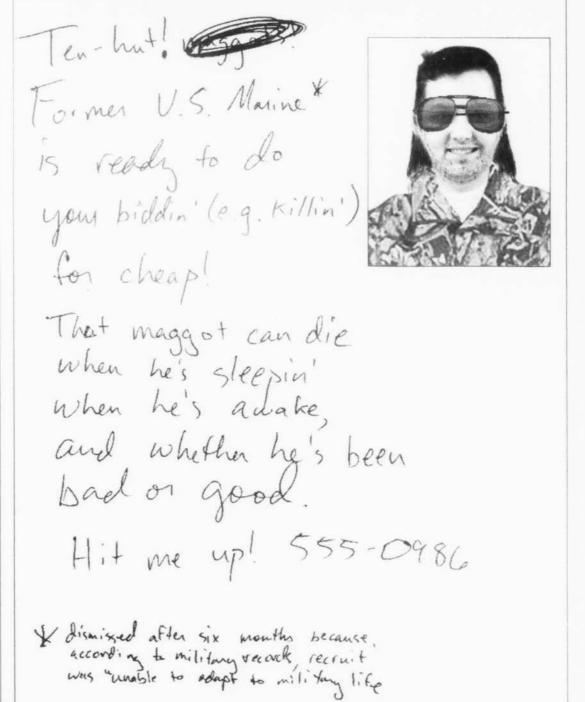
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From the Editorial Board

Tuition increases for good of nation

Each year the Tennessee Board of Regents increases tuition. And, every time, students bitch to no end about them.

"But I'm going to have to take out a loan," the people whine as they sip their Cristal and drive their new Ford Excursions.

Well kids, too damn bad.

As sales tax revenues continue to go down despite another hike in the rate, 10 percent of the poorest Tennesseans' incomes are not going to be enough to support the increasing wants and needs of our campus.

It's just not the job of the taxpayer to invest in our education. Most of them will never go to college, so why should they help us out?

We also can't expect alumni to contribute much of anything. A relatively small number of people have actually graduated from this institution, and many of them can be seen at your door with a pizza in their hands.

Despite the rumors, the life of a pizza man is not a glamourous one, nor is it especially high-paying. We can't realistically expect those people out there with General Studies and Recording Industry degrees to get a job that will ever allow for charitable contributions to the university.

The campus needs our money. Have you seen the Davis Science Building? Many of us walk past it on our way to our classes in the fancy Mass Comm or Business and Aerospace buildings, but the inside is not a pretty sight. Someone has to help build a new science building.

And what about the Quad? Beautiful? Magnificent? Or could it be ... falling apart?

It's time to break away from liberal rhetoric and realize that we alone are responsible for our education. By financing it all ourselves through repeated tuition hikes, after four, five, six or seven years when we walk across that stage, we'll know we've earned the sheepskin in our hands.

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'DNJ' godsend to university, 'Boro

For Argument's Sake



It's Thursday, and yet another newspaper has sold itself into legal prostitution. But it isn't some paper falling into the abyss of corporate ownership; it's folding into the public relations department of the university.

The Daily News Journal recently reported that Mike Pirtle, executive editor of the DNJ, is giving the paper to MTSU as a

For years, the DNI has

been True Blue. The staff has printed press releases verbatim, attended every

little event with "Media welcomed" included somewhere in the event description, and loves on President University Sidney McPhee like he's their old, rich and terminally ill uncle.

It continued to serve the needs of the university community by debunking those punk-ass Sidelines reporters that gave out the name of the woman who filed a sexual harassment claim against McPhee.

I, for one, am proud that the DNI was able to find out the truth.

After all, the best friend of a woman involved in a sexual harassment case against one of the most powerful people Murfreesboro would never lie to that same city's midmajor daily newspaper,

A look at the Oct. 27

issue shows that The Daily News Journal still provides all the hard, pertinent news for Murfreesboro residents after all these

There's not only a story about how Tennessee's new DUI law is resulting in more arrests, but there's also a feature on outpouring support for the guy that shot up the Veterans Administration Hospital. Add to that a big story about the "childlike wonder" of the Linebaugh Library on wheels and a snake crawling on a child's head, and you've got yourself an award-winning newspaper that MTSU should be proud to own.

I would tell you more about these stories, but the DNJ knows how precious its material is and charges people to read stories on their Web site.

I could quote from Sidelines all day because those hacks don't charge people to get on their Web site, and why should they? They don't report anything that the DNJ didn't already know before it happened; they just have policies and respect for people that those Sidelines twits don't

Syndicated columnists? The DNI's got that, too. In case you didn't pick up the free Nashville Scene or get "News of the Weird" online, you can buy Chuck Shepherd's weekly masterpiece for 50 cents at your favorite chicken restaurant, scummy discount tobacco outlet or in-theprocess-of-remodeling grocery store.

All in all, it's about time school with such a grandiose College of Mass Communications had a

great, accurate, hard-hitting and ethical newspaper such as The Daily News Journal as its school public relations newsletter (Did I say PR newsletter? I meant ... um, independent newspaper).

We here at Sideways have been trying to put those Sidelines jerks out on the streets for years, and the DNJ finally did it for

Killing off the student paper, maintaining the integrity of the news, correcting wrongs and printing nothing but the most relevant and accurate news available - is there anything the DNJ can't do?

Jason Cox is unnaturally amused by you people and can be reached via e-mail at jrc2r@mtsu.edu.

Nick tells a tale of fright and puking

Bathroom Stall Graffiti



The scariest story ever... Late one dark stormy night, I was sitting around with my roommates listening to some music.

The thunder clapped, and the lightning flashed. Then, a knock came at

So, I answered it. Waiting at my door was none other than Hillary Rosen, former president of the Recording Industry Association of America.

She started talking all slow and spooky like.

"I am the ghost of Hillary Rosen," she said. "I've come to stop you from sharing your music." I knew better.

"First, you're not dead," I answered. "Second, I'm not sharing any music on the Internet. So go to hell, whenever you do die."

"Well, fine, I'm not dead. But you're still sharing music," Rosen said.

"What?" I asked. "You're listening to that compact disc with your can't do that. You bought.

Only you can listen to it." "That's stupid," I said. "Besides, what are you

going to do about it?" "I'm gonna wrestle

you," she said. She then picked me up

and performed a piledriver

I wouldn't be taken out by an old lady, so I got up and punched her in the

Then Lars Ulrich from Metallica came in and started kicking my friends

So I was like, "Hey, Lars! Just because you're the drummer and no one likes you is no reason to be an

Someone had to set this guy straight.

"That's right. No one likes drummers. The band could hire any old drummer. You aren't important. Nobody likes you. Suing

people for sharing your music won't get you anywhere," I told him.

So then Lars gets this look of understanding on his face. I felt pretty good about showing him the Then he starts making

out with Hillary Rosen. I'm totally grossing out over this.

I started puking. I puked and puked and puked and then I puked some more. Then I started

dry heaving. It was awful. Then my roommates started puking. Then they puked some more, and puked and puked and puked. Then they started dry heaving. It was

So Hillary Rosen said, This is what you get for sharing your music.

awtuler.

They made out some more. It was really gross. Between dry heaves, 1 called my friends and told them about it. They started puking. It was awful.

So I started praying to Jesus for it to end.

So he showed up. He was like, "Woah, guys, stop making out. That is totally gross.

Well, they didn't, and Jesus started puking.

Actually, he just started friends," she said. "You dry heaving because Jesus doesn't have to eat in

> So he's dry heaving and it's really disturbing.

> So I drew a pentagram and summoned up Satan.

He showed up and was like, "Lars, Hillary, I took your souls so you could be successful. But you've abused your privilege."

He then zapped them away. But not before he puked because he was so grossed out.

And then Jesus stopped dry heaving and made all the music free.

Then, a man with a hook showed up and killed all my friends. Because that's how scary stories

Nick Fowler is slightly insane. If you would like to tell him how awful he is, him e-mail nrf2b@mtsu.edu.

Prozac kills urge to breathe

I'm With Stupid



Before I visited my Medicare-designated health care provider, Martha the Food Lion cashier, my life was a living limbo.

Only a month before that pivotal first appointment, I was rushing home from Scientology church to read Reason magazine and paint abstractionist prints with bold colors like red and vellow. Whore Red and Yuppie Yellow, mind you.

sparked up a hogleg and wrote dirty haikus while bathing in a tub of

patchouli. Such activities let Satan into my heart and I began spending each evening whipping myself with cable cords - one lash for every time I thought about putting my neighbor's baby in the oven to baste for seven or so hours, depending on the altitude of my resi-

dence. Thank God Martha's blinding disdain for her own shattered dreams gave her the courage to diagnose my disorder and prescribe the miraculous make-well that is Prozac.

Thanks to a tiny green pill, I no longer dream of a creatively liberated existence free of mind-numbing passivity.

and fuzzy, as I'm usually too sedated to keep my eyes open. I can now enjoy my existence as an American citizen while doing my part to stop terrorism by falling asleep at the wheel on my way to pick up those kids at school. I can then preach the love of God to the officer as he arrests me for kidnapping.

Salvation is just a glass of water and a chaffed pharynx ahead, friends. The first step is admitting you have a problem and sobbing uncontrollably for a few hours, snot dripping all over my new white chaise.

Give yourself a simple immoral cancer ready for deliverance.

Do you believe homosexuals should have rights?

If so, you might be what my help group, Prozac Everywhere Eventually, has coined as an "abomination." When I see two women kissing, the image haunts me while I'm having otherwise blasé sex with my husband.

No normal American woman would turn down a man for the much softer, smoother vagina, so why should we let their need for personal contentment interrupt our

lives? Do you believe that Homeland Security infringes on our civil rights, just like a damn dirty hippie would?

I once did, until PEE

Now days are short released all those toxins. Think about it. Why would a privileged white male chip away at our privacy without ample reason? His purpose is obvious: Homeland Security keeps drugs, hookers and terrorists out of our nation's libraries.

Speaking of PEE, it's everywhere. There are groups in San Antonio and even one that meets in the brown recluseinfested halls of that new horse building 10 miles away. Joining PEE was like floating my soul down a rushing river to the land of flushing fountains. Our motto is, "A pill a day keeps life away."

If you're antisocial, test to find out if you're a which is another horrible sickness to be ashamed of. just visit your doctor and demand he dull your ability to feel, hear, smell and orgasm.

> Mention the phrase "zombie-crank" in vour request and you'll get \$10 off your first dose, which will send you from being depressed to nihilist in only one week.

> After your transformation, call me and we'll have lunch.

That is, if I can find my way through the haze of neural dormancy.

Amber Bryant is a Prozac-popping mental invalid who would've killed you and your whole family, had it not been for Food Lion's policy of paying minimum wage. She can be reached via e-mail

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MUSIC

Photo illustration by Brandon Morrison | Photo Editor President Sidney McPhee's accordion skills will be vital to the success of the new band.

McPhee to lead MTSU's

By Juanita Thouin Features editor

The term polka conjures up images of Lawrence Welk, floating bubbles and moonlight dances.

While Welk's famous television show may be a thing of the past its brand of music is about to gain new life at MTSU

University President Sidney McPhee, who majored in music his freshman year of college, is putting together a polka band.

"I always wanted to be a band leader," McPhee says.

The band will consist of a lead accordion, a button box, bass guitar, trumpet and drums. The band's repertoire of music will include Beer Barrel Polka (Roll Out The Barrel), Crying Polka, Emilia Polka, Hoop-Dee-Doo, Hop-Scotch Polka and Jolly Peter.

An eclectic mix of administration and faculty members are rumored to be involved, including Bob Glenn, vice president for student affairs and vice provost for enrollment management, James Floyd, the university's new legal counsel, Dean of College of Mass Communications Anantha Babbili and Weatherford Chair of

"They even have enough talent to challenge the late Frank Yankovic in a bid for the title of polka king."

> - Rich Barnet Recording industry professor

Finance holder Bill "Man, I love polka" Ford.

Ed Kimbrell, who makes no secret of his love for jazz music, thinks the idea of a polka band on campus is ludicrous.

"Of course I support free speech and the free expression of ideas, but polka music reminds me of a sick rooster," Kimbrell says.

McPhee says the band will perform during half-time at the last home football game of the season, Nov. 15, against University of Louisiana-Lafayette. Fans will be encouraged to come onto the field and try their feet in a little heel and toe polka dancing.

According to McPhee, heel and toe polka is a popular style of

dancing in his native Bahamas.

Rich Barnet, professor of recording industry and former concert promoter, thinks the band has a real chance at becoming one of the great success stories in the music business.

"I've heard them practicing and they've definitely got what it takes," Barnet says. "They even have enough talent to challenge the late Frank Yankovic in a bid for the title of polka king."

Some believe polka music was started in Poland while others insist it came from Czechloslavakia. Either way, its roots reach back to the early 1800s. It spread to America in the 1840s and gained popularity during the big band era.

Music historians believe that dances such as the tango, Cuban rumba and mambo and reggae have their roots in polka.

Students have mixed feelings about the new band.

"Polka music? You're like kidding me, right?" Guy Strauss, a sophomore business major, says.

"I think accordion music is sexy," senior April Johnstone says. "Maybe I can combine my clogging skills with polka to create a whole new dance craze."



Photo illustration by Brandon Morrisson | Photo Editor

A Parking Lot Stalker caught in the act attempts to hide behind a victim's vehicle.

Students fear prime parking

By Melissa Bowman Staff Writer

It's 11:05 a.m., and you are done with classes for the day. You are making the trek back to your car, which is parked in a great spot you scored in the Bell Street lot before your 7 a.m. class. You smirk as you see frustrated drivers leaving the lot, their quest for a close parking spot clearly failing. As you near your aisle and think of what to do for lunch, you are overcome

you? You push the thought out of your mind, but now the feeling is punctuated by the hum of what sounds like a care engine. You whip around only to be blinded by the glare from the hood of a black Mazda Protégé. But even with the glare, you can see a pair of beady eyes watching your every move.

by a strange feeling - is someone

watching you? Or following

You feel rushed, so you hurry to your car and drive away as quickly as possible. You glance in the rear view mirror and see the black car whip into your

You have just become the most recent victim of the fabled Parking Lot Stalkers.

Eerie as, they may be, the

stalkers are very real. There is no physical trait to characterize them, but they share the same overwhelming desire for the closest parking spaces. They will settle for no less, and they will go to any length to get what they

One victim of the stalkers, who has chosen to remain anonymous, says he now parks in the farther lots to avoid being

"I can't bear the feeling I get when I turn around and there they are," he says. "I just feel so used."

He had been parking in the lot behind the James Union Building because of his early classes, but because of the high stalker activity in that lot, he parks on the other side of campus in the larger lots, even though he has to walk much farther to classes.

"The walk is worth it," he says. "I can't believe how ruthless these people are. They follow you all the way from class to your car. It's a frightening experience."

Rumor has it that the stalkers organize underground meetings where they share tips on how to get the best spots, where to get them and stories of their recent

An alleged stalker, who also chose to remain nameless, denied the existence of the

"There is no organization; I just want a close parking spot," he said. When questioned further about the stalkers, he abruptly walked away.

Campus police say there have been quite a few calls regarding the Parking Lot Stalkers, but there is nothing

they can do about it. "They're just waiting for parking spaces," says Jack Drugmond, chief of Public Safety. "Until they break a law,

we can't do anything about it." But stalker victims know the

situation is much more serious. The fear that has been instilled in them will last a lifetime. Forever will they look over their shoulder when walking to their car after class; forever will they feel a nervousness when there is an empty parking spot right by the door at Wal-Mart; forever will they be startled by the sound of a car approaching

There is no stopping the vicious Parking Lot Stalkers.

All there is to do is hope that you do not become the next vic-

Poli sci chair protects campus

By Patrick Chinnery Editor in Chief

Look, up in the sky! It's a bird. No, it's a plane. No, it's .. SuperVile?

Yes, you've seen a mildmannered John Vile, chair of the political science department, roam the walkways of Peck Hall, unobtrusive but ever vigilant. At the first sign of trouble, however, he whisks away and emerges from the nearest closet in a costume surprisingly similar to that of well-known superhero just in time to prevent

act from occurring. Vile, or "Super V" as he demand-

some dastardly

ed to be called, came to the department in 1989 from a Louisiana university. When interviewing for the job at MTSU, he made no mention of his super-

"True to my humble nature, I didn't want the university community to know the truly awesome powers I possess, Super V says. "It might have given me a leg up Photo by Patrick Chinnery | Staff Photographer on the competition.

"Who else could use heat vision to warm up classrooms or super strength to move those old wooden desks around?" No one else, that's who.

Shortly after positioning himself in the largest office on the southside of Peck Hall, Vile instituted a zero tolerance policy for plagiarism, citing not only academic honesty, but personal reasons

'When students cheat on papers, I just die inside," Vile laments. "It's my kryptonite, if you

For some, the alternate persona provides answers to Vile's perceived eccentricities.

"All I know eez tat Dr. Vil-uh has been obsessed with my assent seence I came to this school," Nita Nechchesmarnic says in a thick Slovanian accent. "I guess he likes eet because we're both diffrant."

Another, refreshingly more American student, commented on Vile's apparent uncoordination.

"I've never seen him fly, or anything, but this one time in class, he got so excited, he stood up on a desk," Natalie Schmarm says. "I swore it was about to tip over. I thought he was just old and uncoordinated - apparently it was all a cover so we wouldn't suspect his other self."

Students have mixed emotions about having a superhero for an instructor, citing both his inane attention to detail and volumous homework assignments as pros and cons of his teaching

> Junior criminal justice major Tiffany Sanders appreciates the amount of work Vile assigns.

"He's just applying his standards of excellence to us common folk," she says, adding that students should feel honored he deems them worthy to work under his guidance and protec-

"Man, one of his superpowers must be speed reading," senior political science major and Constitutional law class enrollee John Poindexter says.

"There's no way any normal person could read as much as he expects us to," he adds.

Traditional superheros gained their powers in interesting ways, typically as a result of radiation. Peter Parker, aka Spiderman, was bitten by a radioactive spider, giving him the ability to cling to walls and proportional spider strength.

> Superman was born on the planet Krypton. His powers are derived from exposure to our sun's radi-

The Incredible Hulk, star of a major motion picture this summer, was bombarded with

gamma radiation, causing his genes to mutate. When angered, he turns green, rips his clothes off and yells a lot.

Super V can't lay claim to an origin story based on errant rays or insect bites. His tale is interesting in its own right, however.

While at the College of William and Mary pursuing his bachelor's degree, he was inducted into the local chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honor fraternity. For his initiation, he was forced to recite a secret passage from the unrati-

fied eighth article of the Constitution. "All of a sudden, I felt my body bulk up and, WHAM!, I could rip law books in half," Vile

To activate his powers, he must run into a secluded area, hold up a copy of the mystical Article VIII, and yell, "By the grace of James Madison, I have the power," He-Man style.

With the professor having hid his secret for so long, the questions looms - why would Vile expose himself and his secret to the university

"For the money," he replies immediately. "The Business School and Mass Comm are accredited, and get big boosts in their budgets for it. But the poli sci department now has something no one else can claim - a bona fide superhero."

SPORTS

Craw Daddy new mascot

By Patrick Chinnery and Jerry Wilkinson Editor in Chief and Sports Editor

Gone forever is Lightning the Pegasus, now the era of the Craw Daddy has begun in Murfreesboro.

Effective immediately, the Athletic Department has ditched the nickname Blue Raiders and its winged horse mascot in favor of a blue-colored crustacean, a decision arrived at after months of work by an exploratory committee set up in March.

The idea to change the mascot and to do away with the Blue Raider name came up shortly after the Raiders basketball team lost to the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers in the Sun Belt Conference playoffs. Flabbergasted that a mythical creature could be stopped by a red, furry, globulous mass, MTSU President Sidney McPhee and others knew it was time for a change.

"Obviously a horse isn't enough to defeat a smiling red pile of dung in basketball, nor an angry mix of blue and yellow in football," McPhee said. "What we needed was something with pinchers, something that could do some harm."

Many schools balk at changing their mascots and athletic logos, because of devotion that alumni have to the mascots that were in place when they were students. This is not seen as a problem at MT, however, because only 1.3 percent of alumni have anything to do with the school after they grad-

The university officials felt that the old mascot was not representative of how the school should be portrayed.

The Blue Raider name is still associated with Nathan Bedford Forrest, or Old Blue, a civil war general who fought with the confederates and started the Klu-Klux Klan in Tennessee.

The craw daddy is a crustacean creature that burrows

underground to make its home. tigate a noise coming from the Adult craw daddies grow to roughly four inches in length, and typically weigh roughly three ounces. They can be found in creeks or other small waterways. Since Murfreesboro has the Stones River running right through the middle of it, the exploratory committee thought that the university could relate to the animal.

Due to funding limitations, the first Craw Daddy mascot costume will look strikingly like Lightning, and for good reason.

Rather than buying a new costume, the athletics department has sewn claws onto what were the Pegasus' hands, and attached generic antennae to Lightning's head. The snout is gone, replaced with a beakmouth contraption, and several small, unusable arms have been added to the costume's torso.

Genius struck one night when the committee was walking around campus and university President Sidney McPhee took out his flashlight to invesground.

"Look over here at this crustacean creature from the Paleolithic era," McPhee said.

The committee then gathered around the craw daddy.

"My goodness Sidney, did you see how fast that thing burrowed into that there ground?" MT football head coach Andy McCollum said.

"I vote we change the name to Craw Daddies, in honor of this little critter here," McCollum said.

The university is already making plans to change the mascot and new T-shirts, hats, and other apparel is in the works to be put on shelves by November. In the meantime, Phillips Bookstore has discounted all Blue Raider apparel by 50 percent, dropping the average price to \$24 for a shirt and \$18 for a cap.

The Craw Daddy will make its debut at the first men's basketball game Nov. 24. •



Illustration by Brandon Morrison | Staff Illustrator

Price named as head coach

By Patrick Chinnery and Jerry Wilkinson Editor in Chief and Sports Editor

MT football fans, get ready for a new face walking the sidelines. After the departure of Head Coach Andy McCollum, Athletics Director Boots Donnelly released a statement to the press naming the new head coach of the Craw Daddies.

Mike Price, former coach at the University of Alabama, has accepted the position of head coach at MT. Dogged by scandal in the week before he was fired, Price had spent hundreds of dollars at a Florida topless bar and had a stripper charge more than \$1,000 in room service to his hotel room. Citing unprofessionalism, Alabama President Robert Witt fired Price before he coached a single Crimson Tide football game.

"At MTSU, we're not as concerned with sexual dalliances as we are with moving the university forward to become the premier athletics department in the state of Tennessee," Donnelly said.

After McCollum took the Tennessee Titans head coaching job, the football team has been utilizing Donnelly as their interim coach. He previously coached MT for 29 years before becoming athletics director. The decision to hire Price was made after several interviews with other coaches throughout the United States.

Steve Spurrier, head coach of the Washington Redskins, turned down the job due to

"Its not that I wouldn't want a job like the one at Middle, I just don't think I could be that close to UT," Spurrier said. "I love college football enough to take another position, but I'd be damned if it would be in that

Price will join the Craw Daddies for their Nov. 8 home game against Troy State. Although the university will do its best to look the other way regarding Price's personal life, some stipulations were built into his contract regarding tolerable and intolerable behavior.

Price will not be allowed to go out of state on university business without a chaperone, who must be approved by Donnelly and he will not get a university account because of

prior incidents. "I don't care about the man's social life," Donnelly said. "If he wants to dishonor his marriage vows, that's not the school's concern. I just don't want it happening on university grounds or during university trips out of state."

The coaching change comes at an inopportune time, with the Blue Raiders in the heat of the hunt for their first Sun Belt Conference title, but the athletic department feels that the season will be a success as long as it can keep Price out of trouble.

For his part, McCollum believes Price will be able to guide the team to the title.

"I'm sure the man will do a great job," McCollum said. "Over the years, I've installed a coaching system that even a monkey could run."

The former Blue Raider is looking forward to his position as coach of the Titans, and being reunited with former Blue Raider wideout Tyrone Calico.

"Yeah, I could have stayed at Middle, but what would your rather do - maybe win the Sun Belt or maybe win the Super Bowl?" McCollum asked.

McCollum took the position for the Titans because of the early departure of leff Fisher. The Titans released a statement saying that Fisher was tired of football and wanted to move to the Yukon Territory, Canada, where he could be one with nature.

Pfizer claims stadium naming rights

By Patrick Chinnery Editor in chief

"Go big blue" will have a whole new meaning for the 2004 football season.

Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, maker of Viagra, an anti-impotence drug, has bought the naming rights to what was formerly called Floyd Stadium, home of the MT Craw Daddies.

"We needed money, and Viagra needed to break into the college-age man demographic," MT Athletic Director Boots Donnelly said. "It's a win-win situation, particularly for those on campus who need reminding that they no longer need to be flaccid, with the miracle that is Viagra.'

Terms of the deal have been made public. In exchange for \$5.3 million dollars over five years, a powder blue, diamond shaped placard with the writing "Viagra Stadium" will replaced the aged lettering on the press box inside the stadium. In addition, the athletic department must hang banners reading "Go big blue - we will rise again" beginning three weeks before the football season starts in three as of yet undetermined locations around campus.

"The catchy slogan for the campus banners is really a stroke of genius on my part," Donnelly conceded. "Even if we win the conference this year,



Photo illustration by Brandon Morrison | Photo Editor

Middle Tennessee changes the name of Floyd Stadium to reflect how hard it is for the Raiders to win there.

there's a long time before our next opportunity to play. Although Coach Price will try his hardest to keep the team focused in the off season, they're going to get a little soft."

This is not Pfizer's first foray into athletic sponsorship. The drug company has hired Texas Ranger Rafael Palmeiro and NASCAR driver Mark Martin as pitchmen.

Although pleased that the department has been able to raise money through outside resources, several students are concerned about the effects on the university's image a partnership with Pfizer will have. A common concern is the inevitable jokes about genitals.

"Oh, great," said June McClure, a junior public relations major. "It's going to be a semester full of puns about penises and scoring. I wish this

was some kind of joke. Senior Michael Trotz agreed, and said that college students weren't mature enough to handle the name change. He also questioned the wisdom of Pfizer's decision to sponsor MT

"Our team is hardly known for coming through in the

clutch. We usually make it to the fourth quarter, then we just blow it. How does that reflect for Viagra?" Trotz asked.

Gov. Phil Bredesen's 9 percent budget cuts hit the athletic department harder than other programs on campus because of NCAA Division I-A rules regarding what sports could be eliminated. Because of Title IX and the NCAA rules, the athletic department could not cut any programs, and was forced to reduce the budgets of all sports.

"We were facing a desperate time, trying to keep everything up and running," associate athletics director Larry Counts said. "Fortunately, this deal keeps us out of a sticky situation. With this new money, our program will get to stay on top and continue to develop fine athletes.

MT's football season begins Sept. 5, 2004 with an away game against BCS-eligible University of South Carolina. It could be an intense match-up, as the Gamecocks' stadium was also under consideration for sponsorship by Pfizer.

The first game in Viagra Stadium will be Sept. 26, against the Crimson Tide of Alabama.

Contact golf



Photo Illustration by Brandon Morrison | Photo Editor

In an effort to boost morale, Mike Price and the Craw Daddies will begin their morning practices on the greens of the Stones River Golf Course. In unrelated news, the Craw Daddies lost to Blackman High School 46-14 Thursday night.

Football team sues to get their souls back

By Nick Fowler News Editor

The MTSU athletic department and the Blue Raider football players are suing Satan for breach of contract and demanding the return of their immortal souls.

The team sold their souls last season in exchange for a Sun Belt championship. The team placed fourth in the conference for the season, not so much as making it to a bowl

Jesus Christ, attorney at law and savior of all mankind, has been hired as the team's lawyer.

'I've seen it time and time again. He is the great deceiver," Christ said last week in a phone interview. "The Devil clearly didn't live up to his end of the agreement. Furthermore, I have evidence those souls were not theirs to sell, for I have saved them.'

Satan responded to Christ's comments in a press conference at The Gates of Hell.

Saved them did he? Oh, sure he did. In a jar perhaps, for safekeeping," the fallen archangel said. "The fact is Jesus has hardly saved those souls. He invested them in mutual funds. It's just like a Jew to try and turn a dollar with another man's soul."

Hitler could be seen laughing in the background, presumably in response to Satan's anti-Semitic comment. Hitler was then torn apart by hellhounds, because he's an ass.

Christ was unavailable for comment on Saturday or Sunday, but Sideways was able to

Sorry about being unavailable, but you know I have to take the Sabbath off," Christ said. "The lew in me takes Saturday and the Christian in me takes Sunday."

Christ was quick to defend himself against Satan's accusations.

Yes, I did invest a portion of their souls in the market. It would be irresponsible of me to just let those souls sit under my mattress," Jesus said. "I have to protect my clients against inflation. The market will turn around soon, don't

After hearing of Christ's statement, Satan

promptly rejoined. "You see, he admits it," Satan said. "This has been a long time coming. You never hear about this on the news. You know why? Jesus is a Jew. Who controls the media? I think you know,"

After a thorough investigation, Sideways was unable to confirm that the Jewish people control the media, most likely because it's an untrue, ridiculous stereotype.

This just in: Athletic director Boots Donnelly has fired Christ as their lawyer and hired singer

James Brown. "I think Jesus might have a conflict of interest in this case," Donnelly said. "But, I figure if anybody can get us our soul back, it's James Brown." •

Stop chewing when it starts to bleed.*



*A Halloween safety tip from Sideways.

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1986 Nissan 300 zx NASE, Car is white 5-speed, has electronic gauges and seats, windows, needs new alternator(\$65) has body damage to passenger rear panel, engine was replaced in 1997. Car runs and drives good. I\$350 obo. Call 615-202-2962 ask for Ryan or email wrv2a@mtsu.edu

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1993 Nissan Maxima, 117 k miles, leather, 5 speed, sunroof. Runs great; needs cosmetic work. \$3,500 obo. 615-217-2661.

1993 Honda Civic runs great, 4 dr., AC, manual transmission. Clean car. \$2,100. Call 895-0075.

Casio CTK 1000 keyboard with cushioned bench, stand, cover, and AC cord. Paid \$450 new, asking \$200 for all. 890-8276 or hcpatty@yahoo.com.

1985 Chevy S-10 truck Looks rough, but runs. \$400 obo. Would make great work truck. Call 615-217-1079. Leave msg. Will deliver within 100 miles.

KAWASAKI NINJA 2000, 250 cc, green, 8 k miles, new parts, \$1750 obo. Ask for Tyler

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1995 Altima \$1500. Runs great Needs new tires. 4 Door. 150 k miles. Call John at 542-3295.

Honda Accord, 1990 model, 2 door, 196 k miles. Fairly good condition. Priced at \$1,900. Call Paul at 615-631-5562.

Honda Accord LX '99 V6 Pearl Grey. 4 Door, Auto 98 k miles. CD, PW, PDL. Perfect Condition \$8499 obo. call 615-260-9059.

Toyota Corolla '93 Auto, Dark blue, AM FM cassette, 112 k miles, new tires. \$2900 Call 615-260-9059.

Ibanez 7 string guitar. Like new. \$200 obo. Jeremy 494-8973.

L-shaped oak computer desk with filing drawer, \$30. (615) 506-6478

Air Hockey Tables-Sportcraft. New! 4 ft x 7 ft. \$350 obo. Foosball Table-Harvard. New, Cherry finish. 31 in. x 56 in. \$250 obo. Call (615) 790-4783 for more info.

Kawasaki ninja 2000 Green, 250 cc, 8k miles, new rear tire, 6-speed, \$1600 obo. (615) 217-8676, Tyler.

Wedding Dress, sz. 4 (could fit sz. from 4-8), strapless, lots of beads and lace, like new, \$150. Formal dresses, sizes 6-10, various colors and styles \$25-40. (931) 607-9077.

Selmer Signet Tenor Saxophone, early 1970s model, new pads, excellent condition. Will consider all offers. Call (615) 904-2293.

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Career

Are you interested in earning your PhD? Would you like to have your own personal research mentor? Would you like to recieve funding while conductig research? Are you interested in preparation for graduate studies? If you answered yes to the above questions, please contact the MTSU McNair Scholars Program. The McNair Program is located in Midgett 103. Our staff would like to tell you more about our distinguished program. Information may also be found at: http://www.mtsu.edu/~mcnair/

Internships

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opportunities. Student painters is looking for individuals who are interested in gaining management experience. Great resume builder. No experience necessary however must be hard working. Last summer the average internship paid \$10,000. Territories going quickly. Hired first come, qualified

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Employment

Part-time Help wanted. Now Hiring Part time front desk associate!! Looking for a part time weekend job!! Super 8 Motel in La Vergne I-24 Exit 64 25 min. from MTSU. Hours-Saturday 3-1 I pm and Sunday 7am-3pm. Prefer experience. Willing to train. Must be punctual and aggressive. Please apply in person!! Great Benefits!!

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Bartender trainees needed. \$250 a day potential. Local positions. 1-800-293-3985 ext. 305

Help Wanted

This year, MTSU will be hosting its first ever International Conference on Cultural Diversity. The conference will be held October 29-31, 2003 at the Sheraton Nashville Downtown Nashville. If interested please email me at erb2c@mtsu.edu or call 615-867-7407.

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ARTISTS / ART STUDENTS
A graphic design student is planning to publish a 2005 art calendar featuring artwork of MTSU students and middle Tennessee artists. If you would like for your artwork to be included in the calendar, call John at (615)832-4702 or email at jdcunning-ham@bellsouth.net.

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Roomate needed to share a 3 BR 2 BA fully furnished house only two miles from campus. House has privacy fence and all utilities for \$350/month. No lease. Call Danielle @ 473-5402.

I female roommate needed, nonsmoker preferred, to share 4 Br 2 BA spacious house across from Murphy center. Available ASAP! \$0 deposit, \$225/month includes electricity and water. If interested, call maritza @ 390-8693.

3 Roomates needed to take lease over at Sterling Gables. \$335/ month. Pool view! Call 497-0968.

\$330/ month all utilities included. I BR in a 4 BR 2 BA @ Sterling University. \$0 deposit!! Tanning, workout gym & shuttle bus provided! Move in December! Great roommates! Call 731-697-9978.

Roomate needed by end of October for large brick 2 BR house. Central heat/air, close to MTSU, ONLY ONE NEIGHBOR-musicians welcome. \$325/mo.\$325 deposit+ 1/2 utilities. Call Jacob 849-3219.

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Room for rent in Murfreesboro. \$330/month + 1/3 utilities. Avail. 11/1/03. Call 653-3982.

I Female Roomate needed for a 4-bedroom house. Currently there are 3 girls. Close to campus. \$275/month + 1/4 utilities. \$300 security deposit. Call Amy (423) 504-4090, alw2w@mtsu.edu.

Female roomate needed for house in Cason Lane area. \$250/mo and share of utilities. Call Courtney 867-9250.

Roommate needed to share 2 bedroom apt. on Ewing Blvd., within walking distance to campus. Rent is \$350 + utilities.W/D, dishwasher, personal bathroom included in apt. Roommate needed soon so call today. Call Rick at (615) 896-7321.

Roommate wanted. \$247.50 per month, water paid, other utilities shared. 15 min. walk from campus. Call Brian at 895-7792.

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3 BR 2 1/2 BA Duplex near 1-24. All Appliances. Vaulted ceilings, garage, garden tub, laundry room, lawn care included. Pets okay. \$880/ month. Call 907-8060, 423-6272.

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2 and 3 bedroom houses to Rent close to campus. Call Wood Realty 213-1847.

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Duplex apartment in Woodbury, Very nice 2 BR with washer/dryer hookup, dishwasher, water, furnished, C/H. \$450 per month plus deposit. Call 895-0075.

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Needed: Room or apt. for rent close to campus. \$300-\$350 by October 20th. Email courtney @ cam3a@mtsu.edu.

General Chemistry tutor needed Sunday nights. \$10/hr. Usually 1-2 hrs. a week, sometimes more. Call 703-753-0248 or email arc3a@mtsu.edu.

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Wanted: Modern Rock band is seeking 2nd guitar player and vocalist to complete our group. Our influences: Nickleback, Creed, Trapt, Fuel, etc. Looking for talented musicians interested in playing originals. Must have great talent, pro gear, and a positive attitude. No drugs, slackers, or non-dedicated people! Contact Paul (615) 494-8663,

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