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Campus Briefs

GreekFest opens doors to new brothers and sisters

Greek brothers and sisters will welcome potential recruits tonight at the annual MTSU GreekFest. Members from each of the 28 Greek organizations will be available to sign up new recruits and offer information on their organization.

Recruits will be treated to free food and drinks. The National Panhellanic Council will put on an abbreviated step show called a Step Off. Greek Life has also hired a deejay to entertain new recruits.

Events get underway at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center and last until 10 p.m.

For more information on GreekFest, contact the Greek Life office at 898-5996.

Student organization orientations approaching

Student organization orientation sessions will begin Tuesday at 3 p.m. for all Student organizations.

One member from each Student organization must attend at least one of the sessions in order to update that organization's paperwork for the upcoming semester. Organizations will also be informed of new requirements. Members will learn how they can get involved with Homecoming and the Government Student Association.

Organizations may also learn how to apply for activity

Judge Don Ash fills in for missing keynote speaker

Staff Reports

MTSU freshmen were welcomed to campus at Sunday's University Convocation by MTSU Foundation trustee Judge Don Ash after scheduled keynote speaker James McBride was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Randy Weiler of News and

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place as keynote speaker. Weiler also mentioned that Ash had spoken with President Sidney McPhee in the past about speaking at graduation or similar events. make is



Photo by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor

Judge Don Ash (left), interim Executive Vice President Bob Eaker (middle) and Vice President of Business and Finance Duane Stucky (right) mingled at the convocation.

Freshmen at MTSU were required to read McBride's award-winning novel, Color of Water, as summer reading.

'Some freshmen who read his book really wanted to hear James McBride, but people certainly enjoyed Judge Ash's speech," said Doug Williams of News and Public Affairs.

McBride is an award-winning composer, saxophonist and author. He grew up with 11 siblings in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Brooklyn and took his experiences as a young man as a foundation for his novel.

Ash has been a member of the Murfreesboro community since he graduated from MTSU with a bachelor of science degree in history. Along with being a member of the MTSU Foundation, Ash is also involved in Hospice of Rutherford County, Domestic Violence Task Force of Rutherford County and the Children's Discovery House.

Ash is currently the presiding judge of the 16th Judicial

District and is assigned to Circuit Court, Part III. He is also a graduate of the Memphis State School of Law. Ash is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the Tennessee Bar association, the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association and has been a past president of the Rutherford/ County Cannon Bar Association.

Ash was awarded a standing ovation after concluding his _speech. ♦

Event leads freshmen into new life as students

By Amy Delvin Staff Writer

MTSU's University Convocation got underway Sunday after a minor setback, when keynote speaker James McBride failed to make his appearance.

Faculty welcomed freshmen along with fill-in speaker and MTSU foundation member, Judge Don Ash.

The Convocation was a celebration of the transformation of high school graduates into contributing members of Middle Tennessee State University's community.

The audience at convocation this year was attentive and moved by the formal ceremony, but many were disappointed that author McBride failed to make the event. Students and professors read McBride's bestseller The Color of Water over the summer in order to have a

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Honors

Public affairs said McBride was held up when his travel connection fell through. Ash was asked to fill in at the last

ing McBride's

fees.

Other sessions will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m., Thursday at 5 p.m. and Sept. 3 at 3 p.m.

Craig named associate dean of teacher education

The College of Education and Behavioral Science has recently appointed a new associate dean of teacher education. After interviewing in the spring, Dorothy Valcarcel Craig was awarded the position.

Craig is a long time faculty member in the department of educational leadership and is a member of the university honors faculty.

Craig has also taken part in projects and grants to assistant in the preparation of new teachers.

Weatherford Chair offers new scholarship for students

Finance students received much-needed scholarship assistance thanks to the thousands of dollars raised through the Weatherford Chair of Finance Invitational Scramble Golf Tournament, sponsored by the MTSU Foundation.

The Weatherford Chair of Finance at MTSU was established in 1986 to honor Jack O. Weatherford, one of Tennessee's most distinguished bankers of the postwar era.

Each year the event brings in more than 140 golfers.

Through their participation, they support the university's finance scholarships and other chair-related activities. This year's event will take place Oct. 8 at Stones River Club Country in Murfreesboro.

For more information on the event, including registering a team or team sponsorhsip, contact Gina Poole, MTSU chair of finance at 898-2883. ♦

parking, bookstore backup

First-day frenzy leads to



Students wait for books and parking passes in lines at Phillips Bookstore and Parking Services yesterday.

Master plan awaits committee approval

By Nick Fowler Production Manager

A revised academic master plan was approved by the university in May and is awaiting approval by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The new academic mater plan focuses on academic quality, student-centered learning and partnerships.

Phil Mathis, committee chair, said the new master plan has "more focused strategies that are prioritized, aggressive, challenging and achievable."

"The new plan focuses on academic quality," Mathis said. Part of achieving the goal of increased academic quality is the construction of a new honors college, which is already under way, as well as recruiting better students and faculty.

Other construction noted in the master plan is construction of a new science building and renovation of the older buildings on campus.

The revised plan also calls for improving the collection of books at the library and enhancement of the General Studies Program and creating an Advising Center to guide students through their years of study at MTSU

The revised plan calls for creating new areas of study as well as eliminating low producing programs.

The new plan also calls for the conversion of the doctor of arts programs to doctor of philosophy programs.

The plan calls for the university to seek out more partnerships with businesses and other universities.

This is designed to help the university achieve its goals with less funding.

This includes establishing University Partnership Council, which will be responsible for managing partnerships and acquiring new partnerships, and a Corporate Partnership Advisory Board made up of members of the community

who are involved with partnerships with the university.

A particular partnership called for in the plan is one in which students would become involved in the community, such as helping adults get their GED.

President Sidney McPhee called for a revision and update of the Academic Master Plan in November 2001.

A committee was formed with representatives from various departments of the university.

The old plan was supposed to last from 1997 to 2011. The new plan is for 2002 to 2012. •

Lecture series gets underway

Staff Reports

The College of University Honors' lecture series is set to kick off Monday.

The theme, "Our Shrinking Planet," promises to focus on the effects of globalization on the human race.

The lecture series will be led primarily by university professors using their respective areas of expertise to fuel the main topic. MTSU President Sidney McPhee also will speak on what it means to be educated in a global community.

Robert Hood, a philosophy professor, will conduct "Environments and Spaces," Monday, in the first lecture of the semester.

Jeffrey Walck, an associate biology professor, will discuss the earth's endangered cedar glades population, while Anne Sloan, associate professor of political science, will examine vanishing political borders and the corresponding absence of security.

Other discussions will examine the effects on specific demographic groups, such as associate professor of history Adonijah Bakari's lecon reconnecting ture African-Americans to their past and professor of psychology Gloria Baker's speech on the impact of globalization on women and children.

At least two lectures will touch on the impact of the World Trade Center attacks. Weatherford Chair of

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Convocation: Event has history among universities

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shared academic experience.

Nursing major and freshman Michelle Benton was disappointed that the author couldn't attend but enjoyed the event.

"I certainly didn't expect so many people to attend," she said. "But I guess it's a big class and I didn't think they would be all dressed up and come down so orderly, either."

Convocation itself has been a part of universities since medieval times. During the ceremony, symbols are displayed in a certain way to make statements about what one feels is important as a community and institution.

Two of the most important of these symbols is the mace and chain of office. The mace, or scepter, of MTSU is made of Tennessee cherry wood coated with sterling silver. The

Tennessee flower, the iris, was also presented along with Tennessee's official state gem, the freshwater pearl. Both symbols represent the public, who support the University and the accomplishments of alumni.

The chain of office was worn by President Sidney McPhee and features lapis lazuli gems mounted on scroll shapes that represent the colleges within the university. Both emblems were designed and crafted by professor Klaus Kallenberger of the art department.

"Somebody told you you could go to college, that you can make a difference in people's lives and that you can be somebody important," said Robert Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs. "You need to thank your moms and dads. You need to write a letter to your grandmother who told you that you could do this." ♦

July 26 - 3:15 p.m.

Bicycle Stolen - Womack Family Housing- "I" Building

A bike was stolen from one of the building's residents. Investigated residents all plead ignorant to the incident.

July 27 - 3:47 p.m. - Follow-up

Notice that the above-mentioned bicycle has been found or seen off-campus was reported. The previous investigating officer followed up on this report.

July 29 - 2:41 a.m.

DUI and added violations - MTSU Boulevard

Originally stopped for failure to obey a traffic control device, Josh Baxter of Murfreesboro, was arrested for first offense DUI. Additionally, Baxter was driving without his license and refused a blood alcohol test. Baxter also received a citation for the initial charge of running a stop sign.

July 29 - 2:41 a.m.

Public Intoxication - MTSU Boulevard

Alfredo Almedia of Murfreesboro was arrested for public intoxication.

Compact discs valued less then \$500 was reported stolen from the

August 2 - 10:22 a.m. Theft - Kirksey Old Main

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August 3 - 9:42 a.m.

Fire Call - Fire Present - Cope Administration Building Fire alarms were reported to by campus police, Murfreesboro Fire Department and Campus Safety Manager Terry Logan.

August 7 – 9:45 a.m.

Harassment - Verbal - Ellington Human Sciences

A woman who was walking home reported that lurid remarks were made by a white male driving a light green colored Honda. The driver proceeded to circle the Ellington building three times while making said remarks; then the driver proceeded to follow her to her residence. The driver fled the scene when the woman's husband came out of their home.

August 7 - 10:45 a.m.

Theft - Murphy Center

An LCD monitor, valued more then \$500, was reported stolen or missing from Murphy Center.

August 12 - 8:08 a.m.

Vandalism - Old Belle Aire Baptist Church

The construction site of the former Belle Aire Baptist Church was broken into and "made a mess of." Unknown person(s) perpetrated the vandalism.

To report a crime, call MTSU Public Safety at 898-2424 (off campus) or 2424 (on campus). •

Lecture:

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Finance William Ford will speak on the economic costs of terrorism against the United States, and Jackie Eller, professor of sociology and anthropology, will discuss how the attacks have influenced social structure.

Ron Messier, professor of history, will discuss the ability of the current war on terror to escalate into a crisis of global proportions.

Student thesis presentations will provide the bookend to the lecture series. They will be presented Dec. 2.

Although the series is a class taken for credit, all sessions are open to the public and free of charge.

Students, faculty and community members are encouraged to attend. Any student with a 3.0 GPA can enroll in the course, which meets every Monday from 3 to 3:50 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A. 4



Aug. 26 - Environments ogy and Spaces by Robert Hood, philosophy

Sept. 9 - Cedar Glades: Globally Endangered Ecosystem by Jeffrey Walck, biology

Sept. 16 - Vanishing Borders by Anne Sloan, political science

Sept. 23 - Re-connection to the Past by Adonijah Bakari,

psychology

Oct. 7 - Hate Speech and the Internet by Edward Kimbrell, journalism

Oct. 14 Social Eller, sociology and anthropol-

Oct. 21 - What Does it Mean to Be Educated in a Global Community by Sidney McPhee, MTSU president

Oct. 28 - Economic Costs of Terrorism by William Ford, Weatherford Chair of Finance

Nov. 4 - The Middle East and the Global Crisis by Ron Messier, history

Nov. 11 - American Cultural Imperialism by Jan Quarles, electronic media communication

Nov. 18 - Psychological Reactions to Living in a Global Community by John Penningon, psychology

Nov. 25 - Globalization of Disease by Cheryl Ellis, HPERS

Dec. 2 - Honors thesis pre-



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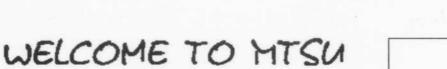
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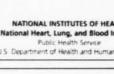
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Schedule for honors lecture

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Sept. 30 - The Impact of Globalization on Women and Children by Gloria Hamilton,

Consequences of the World Trade Organization by Jackie

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Wednesday, August 21, 2002

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board **Parking attendants** helpful surprise

It's not very often that students - or the Sidelines staff - jump on the chance to commend Parking Services.

That's just the nature of the impatient, lazy, often late driver.

But, in the hopes of sparking a stress-free-parking revolution, Sidelines wants to offer a big high five to Parking Services for the lot attendants who've so faithfully stood watch over the dwindling spaces across campus these past few days.

Parking lot attendants are something Sidelines has suggested for quite some time. We've always felt that half the stress of parking is caused by the aimless driving around full lots that could be avoided if we knew which lots we'd been beaten to.

Unfortunately, the system isn't without flaws. Such a boring job can easily induce sleep, and the less perceptive attendants have - as we've witnessed - left the "Lot Full" barrier blocking the lot driveways while at least a dozen or so empty spaces shone like beacons to passing cars.

Despite its occasional flaws, we think attendants are a good idea - especially during busy midterms and finals weeks and during the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association basketball tournaments when parking spaces are at a premium.

It's unfortunate that these attendants will only be here through Friday.

Perhaps Parking Services will progress and adopt more of Sidelines' parking suggestions, which are always really, really good and worthy of a try. In addition to lot attendants, we also advocate a centrally located parking garage that can hold thousands of cars.

We also see a need for an electronic paging system in the Raider Xpress bus stops. On nights when bus drivers stray from their regular routes and drop students off wherever they ask, students are sometimes left standing at a bus stop, wondering when the average wait for a bus became 30 minutes. A little call button that could electronically signal the bus driver would let him or her know there was a student waiting in a faraway, neglected stop.

Regardless of that they are, any steps taken to actually improve parking on campus - such as the lot attendants - will be appreciated by the campus at large. ♦

From the Opinions Editor Former sex offenders have no right to privacy



guilty of a sex crime, and I'd bet my liver most of you wouldn't either. The Electronic

Relationships won't provide salvation Thursdays Wesley Jackson Staff Columnis



interested in last fall was the type of relationships I saw on campus. There was something in the air that seemed to say romantic unions were formed more for their survival value than anything else. It was almost as if individuals were crying out for a sort of social superhero to save them and a relationship provided the solution.

The more I was on campus, I began to understand the need for such salvation.

As autumn yields to the bite of winter, loneliness can creep into a person's life. It certainly did in mine. Nature itself seemed

weeks

our

Prevention Council, to be

their "eyes and ears in the

take this task seriously, I

fear that such a request

could lead to intrigue, sus-

picion and eventually

accusations against, yes,

Although many people

to melt away, leaving me alone in the landscape. The grass died and the trees started to look more like bare skeletons propped up in a graveyard. Buildings became empty, haunted and cold. The sun itself seemed to hide from me more and more as the year wore on. There were far too many icy mud puddles, and all the construction made the face of the campus look like it had undergone botched plastic surgery. I stood in a howling wasteland feeling like everything had abandoned me

On top of my winter depression, I discovered that society, at least the college realm, would largely abandon me too if I could not secure a relationship. On college campuses across the nation I found that couples are capitalized on and singles are segregated. If you are not going out with anyone,

those 'What kind of disease do you have?' or 'Are you contagious?' looks. Those looks turn into serious queries of pity and concern if by one's senior year he or she is not engaged to be married much less dating. Such rejection invites loneliness and insecurity. The wild-eyed desperation may be enough to tempt us to run through campus screaming for help, for someone to care about us. Others may simply catch themselves belting out a Broadway solo of "Somewhere Out There" or "Someday My Prince Will Come" on a rainy afternoon.

In our loneliness we may drop requirements we previously had for Mr. or Ms. Right. Anyone (or anything) will do at this point, just as long as they can save us from our singleness, our loneliness. In a strange way, we really might start looking for a superhero to people tend to give you save us out of our emotional and social plight. loneliness that the fall But this is not what a relationship is about.

Once I wrote that people aren't vending machines and shouldn't be treated as such. People aren't superheros either. We are made to love, to help, comfort and to share each other's joys as well as our burdens. Each of us are merely human with our own unique set of quirks and flaws, gifts and talents. We all need each other, but as soon as we begin to worship another person as the sustaining force of our existance things begin to fall apart.

We all have seen the sad examples of the girl who thinks she's merely an extension of her man's whim and will. We have all seen "her man" in the gym who thinks he's Superman. All this boy needs is the red cape and, oh, never mind. He already has the blue tights.

semester and the winter season can bring, it seems that jumping off lovers' leap in order to secure an emotional and social security is more foolish than it is wise. I doubt it would be a healthy relationship if either my partner or I persisted in believing ourselves to be the super savior of the other.

The human value of one would be diminished and the ego of the other would be inflated to monstrous proportions. A real human relationship recognizes that "I will need him/her; but he/she will also need me." Next time we start looking for our savior of the opposite sex, let's try and remember that we all look pretty absurd in a cape and tights. ♦

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Profiling won't unite America

ment's spread of ideals. Suburban Angst The Cold War, the drug war, and most recently the Kristin Hooper war on terrorism, are all

Photo Editor examples of the fight to censure the actions of the public and timelessly maintain the status quo.

However, it seems in ago, recent years that the price President Bush teamed up of upkeep has begun to Justice rival that of the McCarthy Department and asked our era. nation's neighborhood Just as the term "junkie" watch, the National Crime

was used to describe an entire population of uninspired, cocaine-riddled youth in the '80s, the latest echo – 'terrorist' – has been used to describe anyone remotely Middle Eastern. Just like anyone other negatively contorted adjective, terrorist too has become a label.

ernment has to resort to extreme racial profiling simply because a handful of inevitably harmful foreigners somehow got into our country and caused a tragic event.

What should ultimately be the direction we as Americans take is to first prioritize.

If our president can't form his own opinions without his cabinet holding his hand, I know it might be hard for you to assemble your own faculties, but try.

Second, we need to be logical, which means the who might look even only way to sort out the barrage of Middle Eastern information flying at you is to ignore most of it. There is so much, that to absorb it all risks desensitization, a disease many Americans already have.

Letter to the Editor – **Capitol Hill protesters** recognized Naifeh's ploy

To the Editor:

Brandon Morrison needs to do a little more research before he spouts off at the mouth and makes an idiot of himself again.

First of all, the tax protesters numbered in the thousands, not the hundreds. I know this because I am one of them and have personally witnessed the overwhelming numbers of people who have risen in opposition to this state's attempt to saddle us with an income tax.

Second, what Mr. Morrison and other tax supporters fail to recognize is that under the proposed 'cure for all our ills" Naifeh tax plan, we still would be saddled with the very same tax increases we have right now, and oh yeah, we'd also have a state income tax.

Also, contrary to the liberal interpretation of the situation, the state income tax would affect the poor. If the income tax had been implemented as a flat



During its approaching fall session, the Supreme Court plans to hear debate over whether or not some state sex offender registries allow too much information to be accessed by too many people, both near the perpetrators and in areas outside their homes. According to

Foxnews.com, the Alaska registry is particularly under fire, as some privacy and civil liberties groups say "it grossly violates offenders' privacy.'

When a person decides to ruin or, in some cases, end another person's life via sexual abuse or rape, he or she forfeits the right to live with the same privileges the rest of us are entitled This certainly to. includes privacy and the right to a second chance. Sure, firsts don't always lead to seconds, but I certainly wouldn't want to gamble on someone

Information Privacy Center argues that registries endanger the lives of offenders because their personal information is spread on the Internet for all the world to see, including angry family members and friends of victims. I don't sympathize at all. While the guilty don't necessarily deserve to die, they do deserve to lay in their beds at night fearing for their lives. Their victims have it much worse, I'm sure.

The American government is sympathetic enough letting murderers and rapists live and breathe. Many other countries aren't so merciful. To broadcast a sex criminal's information on the Internet is not only fair, it's considerably compassionate.

Destroying someone's innocence deserves lifelong punishment, which is probably more than is truly just. Taking away an assailant's right to Internet privacy should be the tip of the punishment iceburg. ♦

Correction

In Monday's edition of Sidelines, Kappa Delta and Pi Kappa Phi were accidentally omitted from the story, "Greeks gear up to recruit new brothers and sisters." Sidelines regrets the error.



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It seems that America is always looking for a reason to police one demographic or another, never stopping

even our neighbors.

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war on terror."

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to wonder what would happen if they just let it go. Since the early '80s, America has been engaged

in a number of wars. Contrary to the mainstream definition of war, these wars have mainly been against the ideas and beliefs deemed "un-American" and those which counter our govern-

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Americans, as time has shown, love to label what they can't quite get a handle on.

Labels put things in nice little packages, even when those packages are actually big and ugly.

I know that, at this point, letting anyone and everyone cross our borders or enter our airspace can't possibly be an option, but it doesn't mean our gov-

Keeping watch for outrageous actions is one thing. It's another to become so wrapped up in it that you feel you need to spy on your neighbors. •

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rate tax, the poor would have paid. If it had been leveled at only "the rich" in order to make them "pay their fair share," the poor still would have gotten the short end of the stick in the form of layoffs and inflation.

The reason the rich are rich is because they understand how money works, and they know how to hang onto it.

Additionally, the notion that the rich have gotten rich by somehow taking unfair advantage of the poor is not only damaging, but it is also by and large untrue.

Yes, there are scumbag CEOs out there like the ones at Enron, but studies of millionaires in America have shown that the overwhelming majority of them are first generation millionaires.

That means that these people went out there, worked their butts off, took a chance and are now reaping the rewards of their labors.

This whole Robin Hood mentality of "making the rich pay their fair share" only widens the rift created by class envy and warfare. And for all you liberals out there, think about this: if there were no one out there taking a risk and seeking to make a profit, where would the jobs be for the rest of us blue collar working class Americans be? They wouldn't exist.

As for Mr. Morrison's assertion that the tax protesters are too stupid to notice the increases at the cash register, I have only one reply: wake up and smell the coffee.

The vast majority of us who visited Capitol Hill to protest the income tax understood that the much vaunted Speaker of the House, the "Honorable" Jimmy Naifeh, wouldn't let anything come to the table that even remotely resembled spending cuts, responsible government spending or accountability.

No, we realized the only way to win this war was to make the compromise of a temporary tax increase, and then make certain our voices were heard at the ballot box in November, so that the next legislature would have the guts to cut pork barrel spending, spend tax revenues wisely and make themselves accountable to the people of the state.

So much for us "uneducated poor saps."

Jared Thompson Junior, psychology

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Sorority recruitment

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Greeks keep roots in service, leadership

Commentary by Alan Slone Features Editor

Ever wonder why or when people decided to join clubs like sororities and fraternities? We've all belonged to clubs, but according to the University of Evansville Greek Affairs Web site, 85 percent of the Fortune 500 executives right now are in fraternities and sororities. Not only that, but all of the past presidents and vice presidents (with exception of two in each office) have been Greek, counting since their creation in 1776 at The College of William and Mary. Not many clubs can put up those kinds of statistics - and it's often the reason why most people join these secret societies.

On the night of Dec. 5, 1776, five close friends bound together to create Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's first Greek-letter fraternity. They originated the usage of Greek letters in their name, a secret handshake, a crest, passwords, and the like. It took only three years for the fraternity to establish itself at William and Mary, and then expanded to campuses like Harvard and Yale, Dartmouth.

While this was the beginning of the Greek system, Phi Beta Sigma began to evolve less as a social fraternity, and finally became a purely scholarship society in 1826. While the social aspect of Phi Beta Sigma might not have been the main focus, the fraternities that followed would take up not only social aspects, but philanthropies and scholastic endeavors as well.

The Kappa Alpha Society, the real precursor to the modern college fraternity, started late in 1825. Their secrecy made

them unpopular with faculty on their home campus of Union College in New York, but students liked the idea so much that Sigma Phi and Delta Phi were founded only two years later.

The Civil War led to the creation of more fraternities, but more importantly, it led to the creation of sororities. Sororities had their beginning at Wesleyan Female College in Macon, Georgia. The Adelphean Society, which later became Alpha Delta Pi, was organized May 15th, 1851. They were followed a year later by the Philomathean Society (now know as Phi Mu).

The Greek system thrived after the First World War, but fell on hard times in the Second. Chapters were completely shut down, all of their members either drafted or enlisted in Armed Services. Many fraternity buildings

used for military housing, and people theorized that the Greek system was doomed.

Luckily for modern Greeks, with the arrival of peace in 1945 came resurgence in Greek life. Men and women, fresh out of the service, came back to school to finish their degrees and raise families. Most of the juvenile practices, such as hazing, took a downturn during this time due to the members being veterans - they'd seen many things that most college students hadn't, and saw no reason for these things.

In the '60s and '70s, however, there was in increase of the "Animal House" style fraternities, known only for their beer, partying, and womanizing. Sororities also took on their modern stereotypes during these times, as shallow, aristocratic establishments.

Over the past few years, the Greek system has fought to change these stereotypes, giving 850,000-plus hours to philanthropies and 7 million in donations to charities each year. The Greek system has also shown its roots in leadership, building better men and women to be meaningful contributors society. to And so far, it's worked. A government study shows that over 70 percent of all those who join the Greek system

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were



Thinking about it: How and why you should join

By Kristin Hall Staff Writer

Greek recruitment week is coming (Aug. 25 - 29) to help potential pledges gather information about each of the unique sororities on campus. Each sorority is looking for that 'perfect sister', that individual who fits the ideals of a young female college student. The possibilities to meet new friends and professional contacts, as well as gain leadership skills, are

limitless in sororities.

Kristen Beadle, a pledging freshman, said, "I'm looking for a way to meet people." Having graduated from a small high school, Beadle said she wanted to get to know some students on campus. Although she hasn't decided on a sorority, she said, "I'm looking for people that share similar interests. I love being involved and I've always been involved in high school."

Sororities vary in emphasis between the student, the com-

munity, and developing bonds between sisters. Many sororities focus on local charitable events, from donating blood to tutoring local children. Alpha Omicron Pi sisters volunteer and raise money for the St. Clair Senior Center. Sororities also sponsor national philanthropies, such as the Kappa Delta fundraising for the Mid-Missouri Mental Health Center Inpatient Unit for Neglected Children. For other sororities, their first priorities are to help

academic students first above all.

"Sororities provide a scholastic backing for the girls," said Kim Godwin, director of Greek Life. "They're like a home away from home."

Before pledging, girls should ask some questions about what they are looking to get out of your sorority. Would they primarily want to make new friends on campus? A main reason to join a sorority is to have

their sisters grow and develop as the support and friendship of ences in the business world. the rest of the sisters.

> Brandy Usher, president of Panhellenic Council, said, "Older girls in the sororities serve as role models." Would they want to work on projects such as promoting breast cancer awareness? Each October, the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority informs students about breast cancer. Would they want to establish contacts outside of school? Many sororities help their members gain real life experi- See Sisters, 6

"Being in a sorority opens up a lot of doors on campus," said Usher.

Most importantly, girls hould know how much time they have to spend in a sorority while still balancing school? Being a member of a sorority can require more time than most girls might have available. It is important to find a sorority that shares the same

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priorities and goals as you. During recruitment, a Rho Sigma counselor is assigned to each applicant to help find the right sorority for her.

Girls should not be afraid to ask questions of the sorority sisters. Each chapter has different rules and standards for admission, as well as expectations of members once they join. Ask them about dues and fees, scholarship programs for each chapter, and the types of activities they are involved with on campus. "Ask the sororities questions about your biggest fears about joining," Usher said. Find out all you can about a sorority before you join.

"Keep an open mind," Godwin said. "Don't join a sorority just because a roommate or friend is a member. You need to do what is right for you."

Recruitment can seem overwhelming at first, but you will know when you feel at home with a sorority. Find a group that brings out your best qualities and helps you to develop. Most impor-

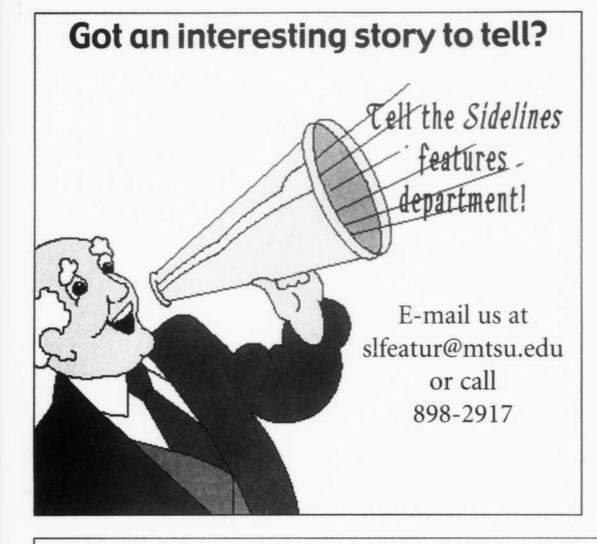
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> tantly, make sure you can balance all of your obligations in other groups on campus as well as schoolwork before committing. "Come check it out," Usher said. "If [this] looks like it's something you'd like to do, come with us."



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Sigma Gamma Rho member Adrian Crawford blows bubbles with Chi Omega members Leah Hale and Megan Bledsoe. Sororities, along with fraternities donate 7 million dollars to charities, along with 850,000 hours of community service.







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Wednesday, August 21, 2002

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

SEC game ticket sales high, fan support still low

By David Hunter Staff Reporter

Monday was an active day for the Middle Tennessee athletic dcepartment as students lined up to buy tickets and "Meet, Greet and Eat" with MT athletes.

Starting at 8 a.m. Monday morning, students started lining up to purchase tickets to the four Southeastern Conference football games. By the end of the day MT students had purchased about 1,000 tickets.

"It is great to see the enthusiasm, especially on the first day of class," said ticket manager John Brooks. "With students having to buy their books and pay for other expenses at the beginning of the semester, it really says something for them to be lined up to buy tickets when we opened this morning."

"I'm ready for all the MT games: ready for the game

against UT and the repeat over Vanderbilt," said student Grace Henderson. "Students are really getting behind our team and ready to support them on the road.'

Student Beth McGee said she feels the same way about the growing support.

"I love MT football and I haven't missed a home game in three years," McGee said. "I can't wait to see them play against North Texas and the game against UT."

The support has gotten head football coach Andy McCollum enthusiastic about the upcoming season.

"Our student support has gotten better each year, and it looks like this year will see an increase again," McCollum said. This is the student body's team. We love the support that we have gotten from the student body in the past and we are really excited about what looks like

a great year ahead. We need our students to get behind us because our team gets pumped up to play in front of them."

The tickets for the SEC games will be on sale for the rest of the week. However by the end of the week, the ticket office might have to send any tickets not bought back to Alabama.

"We had a good day of sales today, but it's getting close to time to have to end Alabama sales," Brooks said. "We hope the students continue with a strong buy rate on the tickets so we don't have any left to send them.

In spite of the large quantity of tickets sold Monday, very few students went to Meet, Greet and Fat

The event started with the Band of Blue. Next the MT sport's teams were introduced to the crowd of students inside Floyd Stadium.

The women's basketball University.

team this season will start the Net Heads to get the students coming to the games. The Net Heads will be a pep group similar to the football team's Rowdy Raiders.

"We're trying to build up a fan base though the students and get everybody out wearing blue and having a good time," said junior Luke Naylor, a member of the Net Heads.

After the teams were introduced, the band, the dance team and the cheerleaders led the student body with the fight song and the Tennessee Waltz to close out the show.

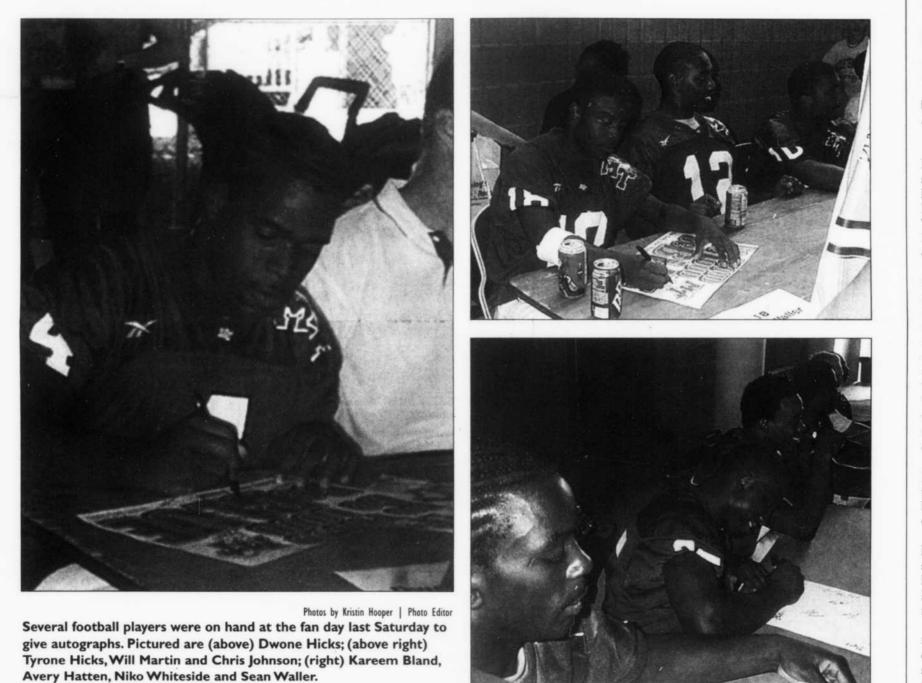
"It was nice," Navlor said about the event. "I wish more students were out here."

SEC road games are Aug. 31 at Birmingham against the University of Alabama, Sept. 7 at University of Tennessee, Sept. 21 at the University of Kentucky and Oct. 12 at Vanderbilt



Photo by Amanda Harding | Staff Photographer

These students were some of the few people to take part in Meet, Greet and Eat early Monday afternoon.



MT football players on phone book

By Erich Heinlein Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee Blue Raider athletic program has struck a deal with BellSouth to have photos of two former Blue Raiders basketball player Jamie Thomatis and football player Kendall Newson - on the cover of its phone book.

"Thomatis and Newson were selected because we can't use current athletes under NCAA rules, and because these were two very successful athletes in their sport who have graduated and represented what we felt was a good example of Middle Tennessee athletics," said Chip Walters, marketing and promotions director. "There is no money that swapped hands during this deal." Instead of money, Blue Raider athletics will advertise for BellSouth by posting its book cover during athletic events. MT athletics and BellSouth have a written agreement that says the phone company will have signs in Floyd Stadium, Murphy Center and also during nonrevenue sporting events. Other items in the agreement include an advertisement on the Blue Raiders Web site, a spot on the pregame shows for football and basketball and BellSouth will be sponsoring all television shows related to MT athletics. "The Murfreesboro Real Yellow Pages will go into virtually every home and business in Rutherford County," said Mike Snow of BellSouth Advertising and Publishing. According to Snow, the new phone books will be delivered to 113,654 residents of Rutherford County. Local businesses will also be receiving a copy of the book. 'This is a big step for our athletic program," said Athletics Director Boots Donnelly. "To be on the cover of the yellow pages is an honor for our program. It's one more piece of the puzzle. I think it shows the citizens of this county that a company like BellSouth realizes the importance of an athletic program to the overall fabric of family life in this area."

Saturday's Fan Day huge success for MT football team

By David Hunter

Staff Reporter

Saturday the Blue Raider football team had a pleasant surprise when they showed up to the Second Annual Fan Day. The crowd size was twice as large as anticipated.

An estimated 2,400 fans, young and old, enjoyed free hot dogs and drinks while getting a chance to meet and get autographs from all the players and coaches.

"It's great to see everyone out," said senior wide receiver David Youell. "The fan support is already starting to develop."

The day kicked off with a morning scrimmage to end their fall training camp. Afterward, they went into Floyd Stadium to take a team picture as fans entered the stadium to get their own pictures with the players.

The team set up football play areas for the young

"It's great to see everyone out. The fan support is already starting to develop."

-David Youell, senior wide reciever

fans, where kids could act like they were running over the defensive players and scoring touchdowns. Lightning's Locker Room was open with the newest Blue Raider merchandise for fans to purchase.

After pictures with both the fans and the media on the field, the players went inside the concourse to sign autographs.

Free autograph posters printed by the Daily News Journal were distributed. Before the players were done with their pictures on the field, there was

already a long line of fans waiting to get running back Dwone Hicks' signature.

"He (Hicks) is so good," said Will Nelms, a 7year-old fan that was waiting in line for Hick's photograph.

The day was a new experience for the new freshmen on the team.

"It's exciting," freshman defensive back Sean Waller said. "I didn't think a lot of people would come out. I'm glad a lot of people came out. It shows we have fans, and I'm glad to be part of it."

Middle Tennessee's hardcore fans came to the day with big expectations for the upcoming season.

"I am having a wonderful time," said fan Bud Morris. "I think the Raiders have a real opportunity if they don't get hit by injuries at key positions. They could easily go 10-2, plus the bowl game, possibly 11-1."

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BellSouth spokesperson Lanie Johnson agrees.

"Middle Tennessee and the Blue Raider athletics program is such an asset to Tennessee and especially the Middle Tennessee community, we were delighted to see the partnership with BellSouth Advertising and Publishing corporation displaying the Blue Raider athletics Department on the cover of the Murfreesboro Real Yellow Pages," Johnson said.

Fans will have an opportunity to see the Blue Raiders in their first home game on Sept. 28 against the University of Southeast Missouri.

Affiliate to broadcast three MT Sun Belt games to Texas

Staff Reports

Approximately 2 million households will be given the chance to see the Middle Tennessee football team play as a Dallas-Fort Worth station recently joined the Sun Belt-ESPN Regional Television football network.

KFWD-TV in Texas is one of the nation's top 10 markets in the nation and has 100 percent cable penetration in the North Texas area

"KFWD is the only independent full-powered station in the Dallas-Forth Worth market that airs sports programming, including Big XII and Conference USA football and basketball games," said KFWD General Manager Wayne Casa.

The announcement of the inclusion of KFWD makes them the third affiliate to join the Sun Belt football network. The other three are Comcast Sports Southeast, a regional cable network in nine southeastern states

including Tennessee, and Cox Communications of northeast Arkansas.

"We are absolutely thrilled that KFWD will bring Sun Belt telecasts into the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex," said Sun Belt Commissioner Wright Waters. "We are excited that University of North Texas fans and other college football followers will be able to view the games."

KFWD will carry all six Sun Belt-ESPN Regional Television games, half of which are MT

games. The new television affiliate will be broadcast in the UNT area; however, more of the televised games feature MT football than UNT.

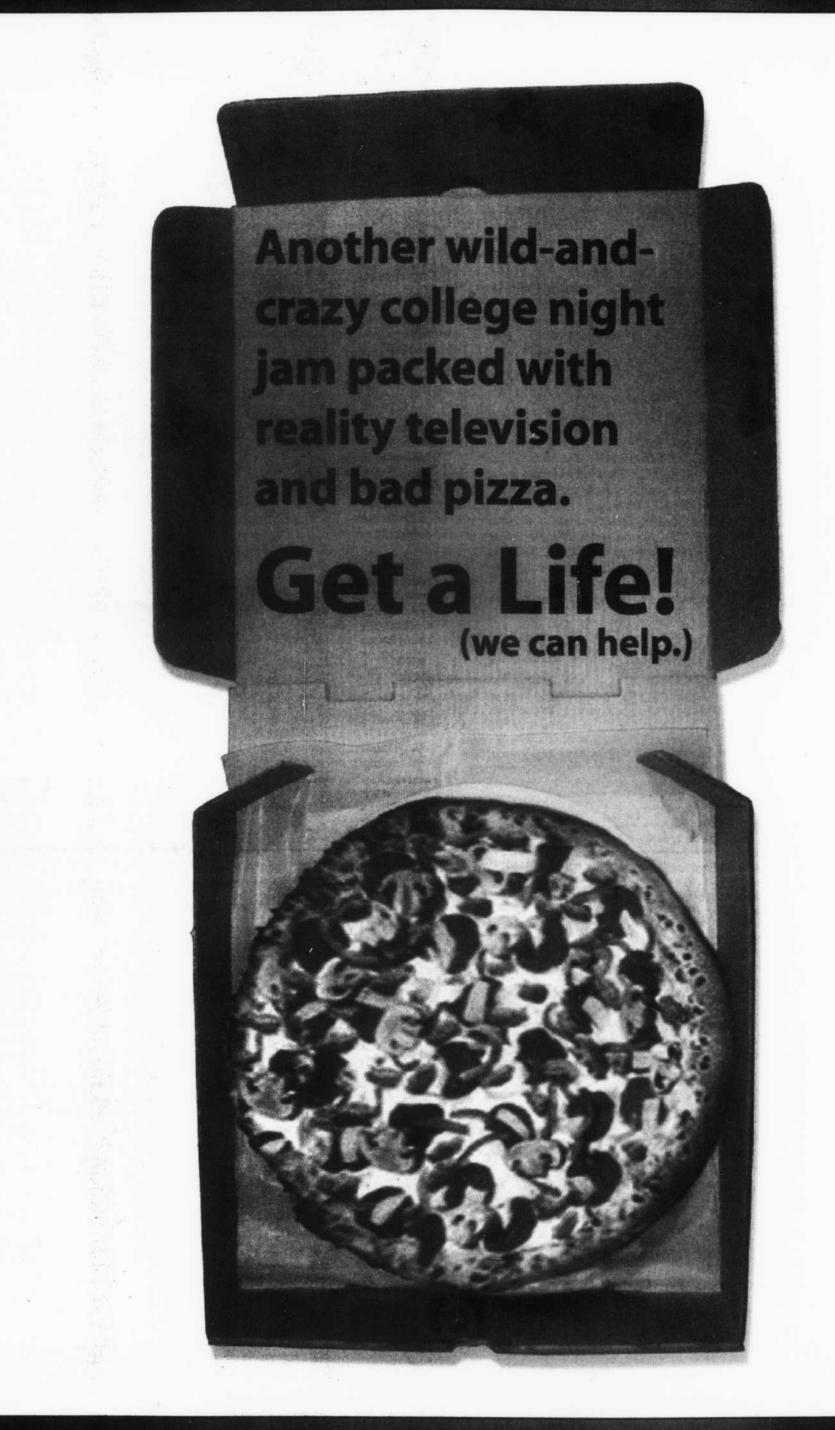
The three games that will be televised by the Sun Belt-ERT network will be played at MT. They include the Oct. 19 game against the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, the Nov. 16 game against University of Louisiana-Monroe and the Nov. 23 game against UNT.

The Sun Belt announced a

six year agreement with ESPN in July to broadcast their regular season football games and men and women's basketball games. The deal will allow MT sports to be played on the ESPN, ESPN2 and ESPN GamePlan networks. The current deal will begin this year and continue through the 2007-2008 seasons.

With the new acquisition, the SBC is expecting additional affiliates to be announced in the next couple of weeks. ♦

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Soccer has first intrasquad game



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Number seven Sheri Robbins and number 20 Laura Miguez go after each other in the Blue Raider soccer team's first intrasquad match Saturday night after hosting a two day middle school tournament for eight local schools.

Fan Day: fans predict success this season

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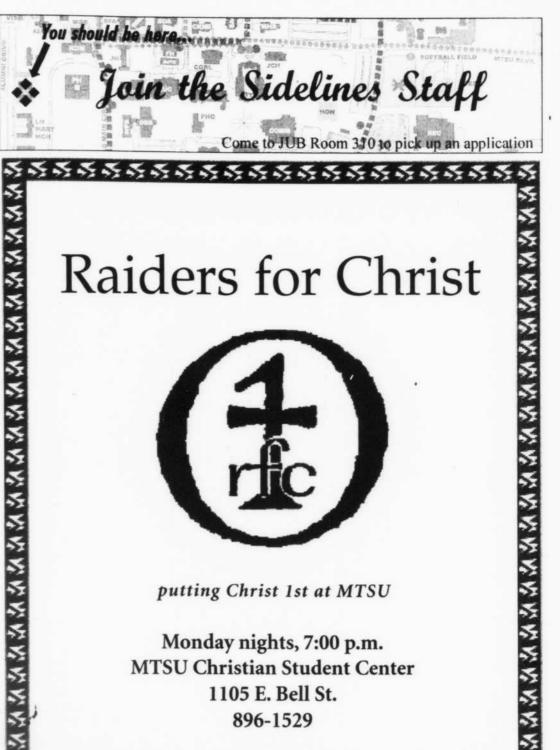
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"I am having a great time today," said fan Danny Farrar. "I think the Raiders will have a great season and optimistically predict one loss."

The event was supposed to to take on the University of run from noon to 2 p.m., but Alabama. The game will be telebecause of the large crowd, the players stayed extra time to sign autographs for all the fans.

with a trip to Birmingham, Ala.,

vised on Jefferson-Pilot Sports at 11:30 a.m. The game will be shown locally on Channel 30 or The season kicks off Aug. 31 cable Channel 14. •



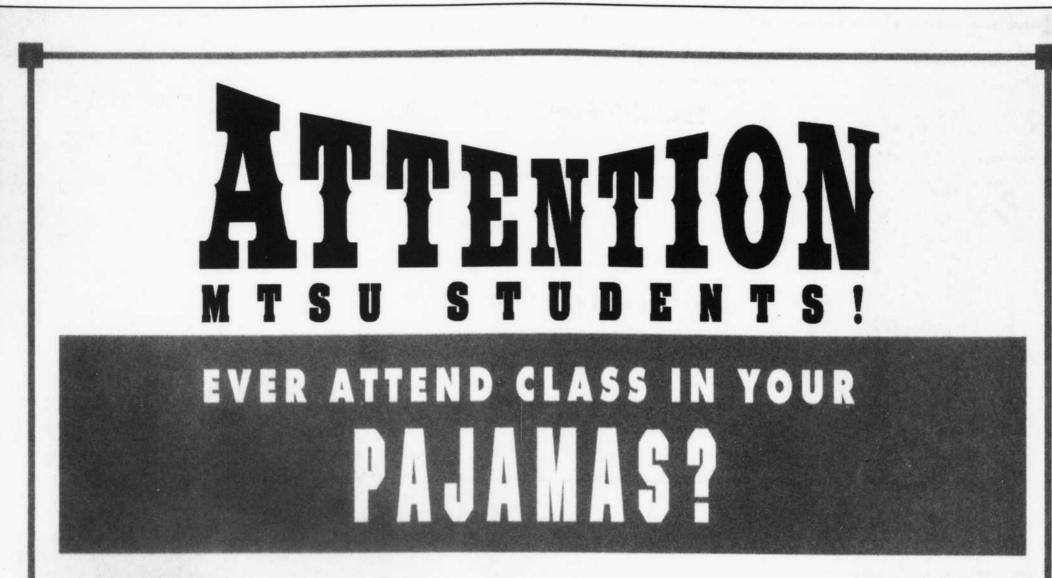
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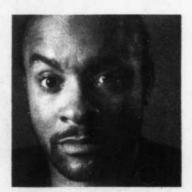
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