



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1999

SIDELINES



Volume 75, No. 13

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Murfreesboro, TN

Turnout low at town hall meeting

Jamie Evans
Staff Reporter

The first town hall meeting was held on Tuesday and featured speakers from the Student Government Association and the Lambda Association.

The meeting, in the Woodmore Cyber Cafe, was the first in a series of four planned for the fall semester. The speakers brought up several issues that they felt were impacting the quality of student life.

One issue was brought up by Talia Elwell, president of the Lambda Association. Elwell announced the organization's intent to re-launch the campaign to have the words "or sexual preference" added to the university's discrimination policy.

Elwell said if anti-racial campaigns were launched on campus, it would be stopped. But anti-gay movements are tolerated.

"This is a big, big problem," Elwell said.

Elwell said the current

discrimination policy makes it possible for students and faculty to be removed from the university because they are homosexual. Lambda pursued the topic last spring with a letter writing campaign and a rally on MTSU President James Walker's lawn. Elwell said Walker is refusing to meet with them, so they are beginning the initiative again.

Kevin Travis brought up another issue about low participation plaguing the SGA House. The problem arose last week when only 25 members out of approximately

200 attended the house meeting.

He reiterated that organizations may be unaware of the consequences of missing the House meetings. Travis said that organizations who have more than three unexcused absences will lose funding next semester from the activity fee.

Travis said all the representatives have to do is make arrangements with him if they have to miss a meeting.

"I'm a pretty laid back guy," Travis said. "I'm a student, and I understand."

There was low attendance at the town hall meeting as well. The meeting was held in front of group of less than 10 people. SGA President Andrae Crismon said he thought the low turnout was the result of inadequate promotion on his part.

"I take a lot of the blame for the (lack of) advertising," Crismon said. "I can't do it by myself. I do need help getting out the word."

To help boost interest, Sue Yost, manager of the Cyber Cafe, has arranged for participants to get fountain drinks and special chips for free.

The next meeting is planned for Oct. 4 and will feature representatives from Parking, Financial Aid and Housing so that students can ask questions directly.



Lambda president Talia Elwell addresses students at Tuesday's town hall meeting in the Woodmore Cyber Cafe.

Photo by Robin Wallace

Financial aid amounts not keeping up with tuition hikes

Pam Hudgens
Staff Reporter

Some scholarship recipients are finding it hard to come up with the extra cash needed due to the tuition increase.

Presidential scholars from previous years are receiving \$600 dollars less than freshman scholars to pay the same tuition costs.

Although the presidential scholarship amount increased this year to \$3900, students who receive it from previous years still receive only \$3300.

Next year it will increase to \$4000 for incoming freshman.

Financial Aid is increasing the scholarship amounts to help compensate for the Tennessee Board of Regents decision earlier this year which increased tuition by 6 percent.

"Basically, it's more money that has to come out the students' pocket from somewhere," said David Hutton, the interim director of Financial Aid, "whether it's from private scholarships, work studies or loans."

The requirements to qualify for the presidential scholarship have also increased from a 3.5 grade point average to a 3.75 GPA.

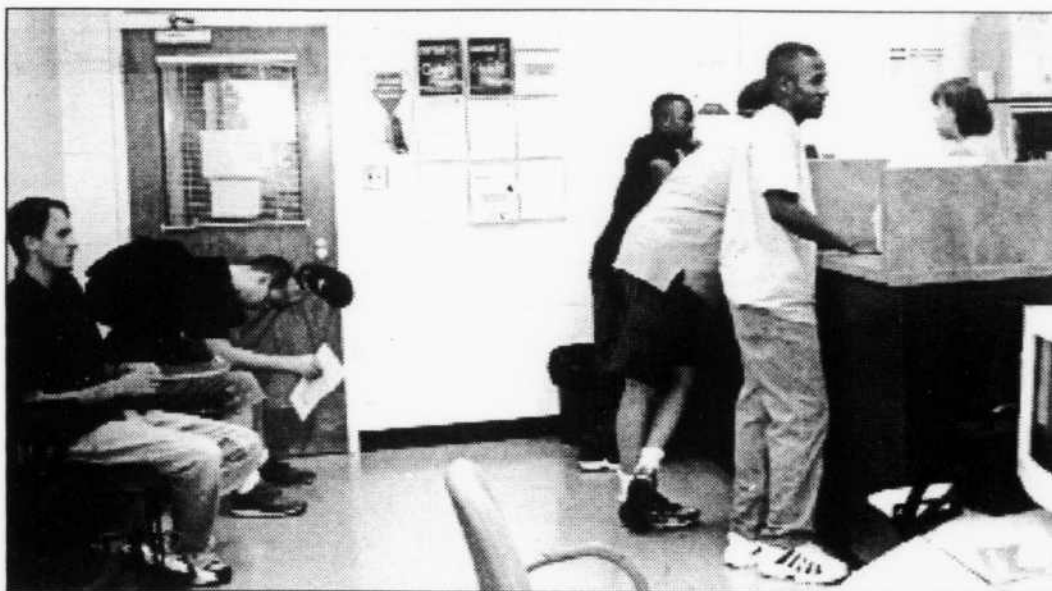
The academic scholarships are increasing from \$1000 to

See TUITION, page 5A

Undergraduate tuition per semester

	1998-99	1999-00
In-state students not living in a dorm	\$1196	\$1258
In-state students living in a dorm (no meal plan)	2101	2218
In-state freshmen living in a dorm (meal plan)	2634	2798
Out-of-state students not living in a dorm	3609	3816
Out-of-state students living in a dorm (no meal plan)	4514	4776
Out-of-state freshmen living in a dorm (meal plan)	5047	5356

This does not include books which cost between \$200-\$300 per semester



Students wait to speak with financial aid counselors.

Photo by Jamie Evans

Senator appointee voted down by SGA

Kelley Dodd and Jamie Evans
Staff Reporters

Larry West, an appointee senator for the College of Education, was not approved by the Student Government Association Senate during the Sept. 1 meeting for normal reasons, SGA President Andrae Crismon said.

West was one of the senators appointed by Crismon pending House and Senate approval. He was approved in the House during its Aug. 30 meeting, but the Senate decided against the appointment in a 10-5 vote.

Crismon said the Senate has voted down appointees in the past and that there was nothing unusual about the West situation.

West, a non-traditional student, has been very active in the SGA in the past, according to some SGA members, and he ran for speaker of the Senate last spring but failed to win the position.

Megan Smith, speaker of the Senate, said West was not voted against in the Senate because he is a non-traditional student. Smith, however, admitted that non-traditional students don't have as much support in elections as do traditional students because of the demographics of the student population.

"It's hard to get non-traditional students (in the Senate)," Smith said.

Still, she doesn't believe the hardship is the effect of discrimination against non-traditional students, but rather, a lack of active campaigning.

"They have to campaign just like everyone else," she said.

She pointed out that two graduate students, Ed Salo and Jason Thompson, currently serve in the Senate.

Crismon chose West for an appointee position in the Senate because of a recommendation from Smith, Crismon said. Crismon said he asked Smith's

advice on appointment submissions, because he did not want to put someone in the Senate who would potentially cause problems. Megan said she recommended West because he had been active in the past and she expected he would be active in writing legislation.

College of Business Senator Chelle Bradburn, who voted in favor of West, said she feels that anyone who will put in the time, should be given the opportunity to serve on the Senate.

"I voted yes for him because he is always in the SGA office willing to do something," Bradburn said. But that opinion was not shared by others in the Senate.

Brian Gillespie, speaker pro-temp and senator for Mass Comm, said he voted against West because he thought there might be some friction between himself and West.

"He's a dedicated person and I think he would have been good for the position," Gillespie said, "but I didn't vote for him because of personal feelings. I guess others didn't feel that way."

Gillespie explained that in the past, he and West had been on opposite sides of SGA discussion. Gillespie said West seemed to take it personally and thought he might still feel the same way.

Even though West will not be in the Senate this year, he will still be active in the SGA House of Representatives as the representative for the Native American Heritage Society.

Crismon said he believes that the issue should be dropped out of respect for West and out of consideration for West's future in politics.

"Why beat a dead horse?" Crismon said.

The other appointees, Senator Cameron Jones and Chief of Staff Kasimu Harris, were approved by the Senate, Jones during the Aug. 16 meeting and Harris during the Sept. 1 meeting.

Lecture to focus on effects of Internet usage on users

R. Colin Fly
Staff Reporter

Gloria Hamilton will speak Monday, Sept. 12 in Peck Hall 109A as part of the Honors Lecture Series entitled, "Technology: Friend or Foe?"

Hamilton's lecture will discuss usage levels of the Internet. The lecture, entitled "http://www.Fix-impact/of/internet/use/on/human/brain," will take place at 3:40 p.m.

Hamilton feels that the Internet is an invaluable resource for information.

"The Internet has made a wealth of information available in the fields of medical care with the advent of on-line medical doctors, Internet self-help groups and communication between patients with similar experiences," Hamilton said.

However, she said it does pose side effects especially in people who heavily use and rely on the Internet.



Hamilton

Lecture:
"Technology:
Friend or Foe?"
Gloria Hamilton
Monday, Sept. 12
Peck Hall 109A

Researchers have found as Internet usage increases, so do feelings of loneliness and depression.

"Research is indicating that as time on the Internet increases, people rely more and more on 'cold' technology and less on 'warm' human interaction," Hamilton said.

Also among the topics Hamilton will address are cyber-relationships and a self-scoring assessment to determine if any of the audience fits the criteria for compulsive Internet use.

Hamilton received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University.

She works with the Tara Center, which provides services for individuals and their families struggling with problems including substance abuse, behavioral addictions, alcoholism and compulsive gambling.

She is a consulting psychologist and coordinator of program evaluation services.

Hamilton has been a member of the MTSU psychology faculty since 1991.

INSIDE

On Campus.....page 2A
Opinions.....page 7A
Features.....page 1B
Sports.....page 6B

SPORTS

Blue Raiders suffer first Division 1-A defeat.
See page 6B.

FEATURES

Find out what there is to do in Murfreesboro.
See page 1B.

WEATHER FORECAST



THURSDAY
THUNDER-
STORMS
HI 88/LO 58



FRIDAY
SUNNY
HI 81/LO 54



SATURDAY
SUNNY
HI 78/LO 58

On Campus

compiled by
Wesley Bush

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308.

Sept. 7-21

The Student Government Association will hold three mandatory meetings for those interested in competing in Homecoming events. The meetings are to be held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in KUC 322. For further information, come by the SGA office (KUC 208) or call 898-2464.

Sept. 9

The Circus Club will hold its first meeting at 5:30 p.m. in AMG room 216. No experience is necessary. Meetings will be held on Mondays from 4-6 p.m. and on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For more information, contact Keith Burroughs at 365-4115.

Sept. 11, 19

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a rafting trip on the Ocoee River. Students, faculty and staff who are interested should contact Mitch or Sean at the Campus Recreation Center or call 898-2104. The cost is \$20, and only 18 rafters will be accepted for each date.

Sept. 13

The June Anderson Women's Center will sponsor a Math Anxiety Workshop at 3 p.m. in JUB 204. The one-hour session is open to all students who want help ending math anxiety. To register, call 898-2193.

Pi Sigma Epsilon is holding an orientational meeting available to all majors at 4:30 p.m. in BAS S126. Pi Sigma Epsilon is a national, professional fraternity in marketing, sales management and selling, and is open to all majors. Contact Dr. Scott Inks at 898-2436 for more information.

Sept. 14

MTSU Debate will have an organizational meeting at 4 p.m. in BDA 220 for people interested in intercollegiate debate. No experience is necessary. Regular meetings will be on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. For more information call Michael Krueger at 898-5607, Ben Osborne or Drew Butler at 898-2773, or the MTSU Debate Forum at 898-2739.

Sept. 15

The June Anderson Women's Center will hold a one-hour session to help end test anxiety. The session, open to all students, will be at 3 p.m. in JUB 204. Call 898-2193 to register.

Sept. 16

A Sacred Harp Singing School will be held in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building from 11 a.m. to noon. For more information, call Stephen Shearon at 898-5984.

Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism will hold a video-lecture, "Introduction to Objectivism," by Dr. Leonard Peikoff, at 7 p.m. in KUC 313. For more information, contact Luc Travers by phone at 898-9531 or by e-mail at mts099@aol.com

Sept. 18

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a Backwoods

Mini-Triathlon at 9 a.m. Students may compete alone or as a team of up to four. The cost is \$10 for students and \$15 for guests. Competitors should arrive at 8:30 a.m. For further information, contact Campus Recreation at 898-2104.

Sept. 28

The Placement and Student Employment Center will host Career Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Murphy Center track. All students and faculty are invited. Approximately 100 employers and graduate schools will participate. For more information, call the Placement Center at 898-2500.

Sept. 30

The Office of General Studies is sponsoring an open forum, "Current and Future Trends in General Education." The speaker is Dr. John Hinni, Dean Emeritus, Southeast Missouri State University. The forum will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall, BAS S102. For further information, call the General Studies Office at 904-8416.

The June Anderson Women's Center will begin "Looking Forward," a support group for women who are survivors of sexual abuse or rape. The group will meet on Thursdays at 3 p.m. in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, room 124. Call 898-5725 for more information.

ONGOING

Volunteers are needed for Homecoming preparation and Homecoming week. Anyone interested should call 898-2464 or come by the SGA office in KUC 208.

The peer education program (SHARE) is currently accepting applications for the 1999-2000 school year. Applications can be picked up in KUC 303. Those interested may also call the peer education office at 898-5453 for more information.

Lambda Association welcomes new students and invites all to attend meetings every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact Talia Elwell at 907-2195 of visit the website at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda.

MTSU Rugby Football Club invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. across from Circle K on Main Street. The "Moosemen" were the 1999 Southern Champions and are ranked 9th in the nation. Call Evan or Todd at 907-5075 for further information.

MTSU Women's Rugby invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. For additional information, contact Stacey Venanzio at 893-1786.

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



World News

U.N. delays withdrawal from East Timor

DILI, Indonesia (AP) — The United Nations heeded the pleas of East Timorese refugees Wednesday and delayed the evacuation of its mission to the Indonesian province, fearing the withdrawal could end in mass bloodshed.

More than 2,000 people have crowded into the U.N. compound in Dili, the provincial capital. Many said pro-Indonesian militias would kill them if the U.N. workers left.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the pullout of the remaining 206 international officials and 167 East Timorese working for the world body would be delayed 24 hours. He also said he is trying to keep a small U.N. presence in the violence-torn province to protect innocent civilians.

The move came after the U.N. workers announced plans to flee Dili on Thursday morning.

Violence in East Timor exploded in the wake of an Aug. 30 U.N.-supervised referendum, in which the East Timorese overwhelmingly voted to become independent from Indonesia. Since then, Indonesian troops and their proxies have been looting houses, shooting people and driving others out in an apparent effort to punish the populace and subvert independence.

Death toll from quake rises as Greek, Turkish rescue workers meet again

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greek and Turk rescuers found themselves working side-by-side Wednesday for the second time in less than a month despite the historical animosity between the two nations. The death toll from Tuesday's earthquake in Athens rose above 60.

A 20-member Turkish team was the first foreign unit to reach the city's most battered areas. As hundreds of people looked on, they joined Greeks slowly chipping through concrete at a collapsed cleaning products factory in search of 30 workers trapped underneath.

"It is good. This is the second time we meet the Greeks ... Now it is our turn," said Iskender Eiger, part of the Turkish team of rescuers and doctors.

Turks had praised Greece for the quick and extensive help following the giant quake in Turkey on Aug. 17 that claimed more than 15,000 lives. Their teamwork caused political leaders on both sides of the Aegean Sea to reassess their political positions.

French farmers fight 'Mc-Domination' of global marketplace

DEAUVILLE, France (AP) — Movie stars arriving at the annual American Film Festival in this Normandy resort town over the weekend heard more than the usual squealing of fans.

Two hundred French farmers gathered with their livestock to protest American trade muscle and what they see as the creeping threat of U.S.-driven globalization.

The farmers, carrying signs saying "Vive le Camembert" and "Hormone Beef Go Home," singled out the film festival because of its American connections. The protest was only one of a wave of anti-American demonstrations that have hit McDonald's restaurants and other symbols of U.S. influence over the past month.

The protests range from farmers trashing McDonald's franchises to 100 percent "taxes" on Coca-Cola in certain towns.

They reflect a simmering French hostility toward U.S. global influence. France has long sought to preserve its cultural and political identity, whether by remaining outside of NATO's military command or limiting the number of American shows on TV.

The outcry against the spread of globalization — the buzzword for the American model of a free-market driven, borderless world economy — comes as France itself is bowing to economic pressures by selling off state assets and supporting corporate megamergers.



National News

Congress battles over tougher fuel efficiency standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time in five years, some senators are actively challenging a House-backed freeze on raising fuel efficiency standards for cars and light trucks, in particular sports utility vehicles.

Thirty-one senators wrote President Clinton earlier this year seeking his help in improving fuel economy standards, saying new standards could dramatically cut air pollution and save American consumers millions of dollars at the gas pump.

Three senators, Slade Gorton, R-Wash., Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Richard Bryan, D-Nev., may offer a non-binding resolution that would put the Senate on record as supporting a new government look at the standards.

In 1975, Congress set the "Corporate Average Fuel Economy" or "CAFE" standard at 27.5 miles per gallon for new passenger cars and 20.7 miles per gallon for light trucks — new pickups, minivans and SUVs. A manufacturer's CAFE for autos would be the average fuel economy for all of its cars, from the tiniest subcompacts to full-size sedans.

Sheriff knows where, but will never understand why

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — A Memphis couple were accused Wednesday of leaving their 18-month-old son to die in the wilderness and tossing his 2 1/2-year-old brother to his death in a lake.

Alexander Ware had no chance of escaping a ravine along the St. Francis River in eastern Arkansas, St. Francis County Sheriff Dave Parkman said Wednesday.

"It was very cruel," Parkman said. "The chances of anyone discovering the child would have been nil."

A search was abandoned Tuesday for the body of Alexander's brother, K-Von, but a prosecutor says there is enough other evidence to still justify two murder charges.

According to Memphis police, the boys' father told them that he and the boys' mother abandoned Alexander on June 16 and threw K-Von into a nearby lake three days later. K-Von likely drowned, but Alexander could have died from a variety of causes, the sheriff said.

"It was very hot, and animals could be a factor," Parkman said. In addition, the boy would have likely suffered from scores of insect bites in the mosquito- and snake-infested muck along the river.

"It was a very remote area where this child was left," Parkman said. "There was no way the child could survive."

Clinton questioned under oath in Herman inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton was questioned under oath Wednesday at the White House in the influence-peddling investigation of Labor Secretary Alexis Herman.

The hour-long interview was led by Independent Counsel Ralph Lancaster, who was named in May, 1998 to investigate allegations dating back to Herman's work as an assistant to Clinton and head of the White House Public Liaison Office before she moved to the Labor Department. White House counsel Beth Nolan issued a statement revealing the interview, once it was over. "Consistent with prior practice," she said, "no further statement about the interview will be made."

Herman's attorney, Neil Eggleston, said, "This matter related to events that occurred while Secretary Herman was at the White House, so I certainly expected that the independent counsel would meet with the president."

The investigation centers on allegations that Herman, before joining the Cabinet, engaged in influence-peddling and solicited \$250,000 in illegal campaign contributions.

She has denied the allegations, and Clinton has said he is confident that investigators will conclude that Herman did nothing wrong.

Herman's accuser is Laurent Yene, a Cameroon citizen doing business in the United States.



State News

Auditors recommend closing Oak Ridge incinerator three years early

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP) — Federal auditors have recommended that an Oak Ridge incinerator for contaminated waste be closed three years early.

Auditors from the Department of Energy Inspector General's Office said the government could save \$39 million if the waste was burned at commercial facilities expected to be available by June. The Oak Ridge incinerator is scheduled to close in 2003.

The auditors said in a recent report that the plant incinerated 7.7 million pounds of waste from 1996-98. A state permit allows the incinerator to burn 9.2 million pounds a year.

Built in 1991 for \$25.6 million, the facility is the only DOE incinerator allowed to burn radioactive waste and some other contaminated material.

"Had the department been more aggressive in incinerating the waste at Oak Ridge, the 7.7 million pounds could have been incinerated in one year rather than three years, at a savings of about \$24 million," the auditor's report said.

DOE officials responded that the new commercial treatment facilities are still experimental, and recommended that the incinerator "will need to be operated until proven, cost-effective technologies are brought on line."

Rod Nelson, DOE's environmental manager, said it may be two to three years before commercial facilities have the technologies needed to treat the Oak Ridge wastes.

Tennessee High put on probation by TSSAA

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee High School football program has been placed on probation for two years by the TSSAA after using ineligible players last year.

The school, which also was fined more than \$4,300, is not allowed to be in the football playoffs the next two seasons.

School officials said the violations were unintentional and were reported voluntarily. The school plans to appeal the decision.

"Penalizing all students and players who were not in any way involved with the infraction, we feel is too severe," said Nelson Pyle, principal and athletic director.

The first violation was when a home-school student not enrolled at the high school played in five freshman games.

The second violation involved a transfer student without proper documentation on file with the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association. The sophomore appeared as a reserve in a state playoff game.

The TSSAA took back the school's playoff plaque and ordered Tennessee High to return its share of the gate receipts from the game.

Arkansas suing two Tennessee men for insurance transfer

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — Two Tennessee insurance executives are being sued by the state of Arkansas for transferring \$5.28 million of a recently-acquired company's assets to an account accessible to alleged con man Martin Frankel.

Arkansas Insurance Commissioner Mike Pickens filed the lawsuit in Circuit Court in Pulaski County, Ark., against Wade Avery Willis of Franklin and Billy David Williams of Bedford County.

It asks that the money be returned, plus interest, attorney's fees and punitive damages.

Old Southwest Life Insurance Co. was acquired by Franklin American Life Insurance Co. on Feb. 24. According to the lawsuit, Franklin American executives Willis and Williams then transferred the \$5.28 million in Old Southwest assets from First Tennessee Bank to a Bank of New York account "controlled, or subject to withdrawal by Liberty National Securities and/or Martin Frankel."

Then, Frankel allegedly took the money. Frankel was captured Saturday in Germany after a four-month international manhunt.

MTSU EESP

Evening Extended School Program
EESP

MTSU Evening Extended School Program (EESP) is for school age children MTSU faculty, staff and students who are on campus during evening hours.

Grades
K-8

Qualified staff engage children in fun, enriching and stimulating activities. Program will be located in Homer Pittard Campus School Building.

EESP Hours
3:30-9:00 p.m.

Mondays through Thursdays

Fall Semester
Beginning

August 23, 1999

Call 904-8220 for more information

KUC MINI MART

Bottled Water

Gatorade

Sobe Tea

ICEES-Cola & Cherry

Deli Sandwiches

Ice cream

60" TV

Tobacco products

Air-conditioned!

Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 7:30am - 10pm

Fri. 7:30am - 9:00pm

Sat. 9am - 5pm

Sun. 3pm - 9pm

898-5562
located on 3rd floor

FOR FRESHMEN ONLY!



DEADLINES ARE:

Applications are due: September 10
Sign up for an interview when you
turn in your application.
Call 2454 for more info!

FRESHMAN FORUM APPLICATIONS ARE
NOW AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF
STUDENT DEVELOPMENT, KUC 122

All Freshmen are encouraged to apply!

Freshmen Forum Focus:
Ongoing Freshmen Orientation
Community Service
Leadership
Promoting Campus Opportunities and
Resources

Work continues on steamline project

Staff Reports

Steam line construction between the ROTC Annex and Todd Library is expected to begin soon, according to Bill Smotherman, director of Construction Administration.

"Excavation on the ROTC end could begin as early as Sept. 15," Smotherman said. "Steam lines have to be installed on grade. They can't dip below or rise above other utilities. Because of this, the entire ditch must be open at one time to be sure there are no conflicts with other utilities. Barricades and signs will be installed." Students and staff can expect

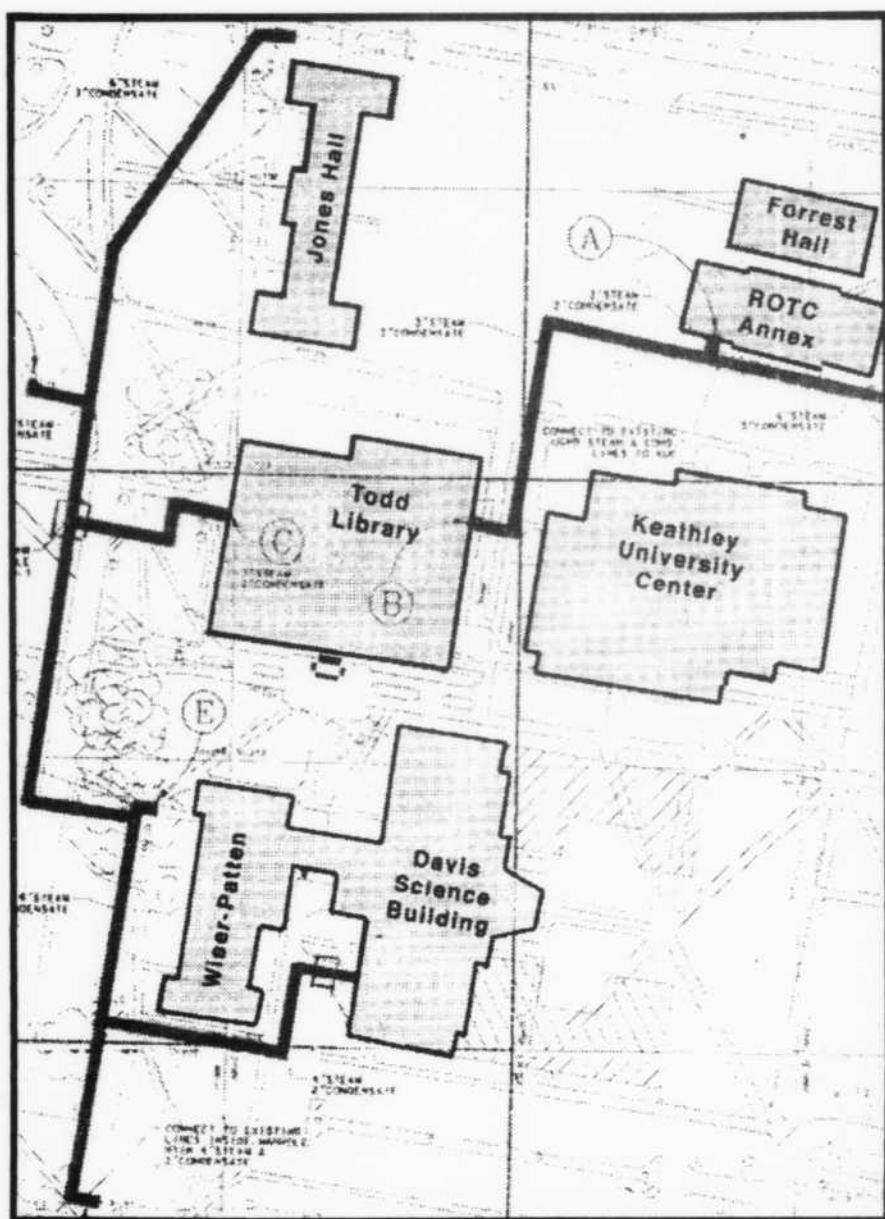
fencing, which will be erected to isolate the work area, Smotherman said.

Some frequently-traveled routes will be blocked, making it necessary to seek alternate routes.

He says the steam line construction on the east side of the Loop is approaching completion with some site restoration already taking place.

He says the majority of that work will be completed by mid-December.

New lines are being installed in Jones Hall, Todd Library, Wiser-Patten Science, Davis Science, Peck Hall, Forrest Hall, ROTC Annex and Keathley University Center. The existing lines are 30 to 40 years old. ■



The steamline construction will cover the core of campus.

Group wants to educate about socialism

R. Colin Fly
Staff Reporter

The Middle Tennessee branch of Solidarity seeks out political and social reform for injustices across the state, the nation and the globe.

Solidarity is a group of socialists self-described as people who stand for feminism, anti racism and grassroots democracy. The Middle Tennessee branch was established in May 1998 and is an official campus organization. The national branch was founded in 1986.

Among the injustices Middle Tennessee Solidarity is campaigning against are U.S. sweatshops on the Northern Mariana Islands, the murder conviction of Mumia Abu-Jamal and Nike's unfair labor practices.

"We take projects as they come," founding member Greg Matherly said.

"We follow the guiding principles embodied in our political agreement," founding member Joshua Liner said, "responding in a consistent way with the

national branch of Solidarity."

Solidarity's version of democratic socialism promotes a "bottom-up" power scheme. Power is given to the working classes to make decisions in everyone's best interests.

"We are looking for incremental change," Liner said.

The motivation for Greg Matherly's involvement in Solidarity came when he could not see a doctor when he was ill.

"I was in between jobs and needed to see a doctor. The secretary asked what insurance I had and I said that I didn't have any. I asked if they could bill me and I could make payments," said Matherly.

However, the doctor refused to see Greg.

"It's ironic," Matherly said. "He is a person put in a position to help people, but it is a business. It makes money."

Socialism purports to give power to the working classes.

"Capitalism is set up to exploit people," Matherly said.

"We want to redistribute resources," Liner said. "Capitalism is nothing like democracy. Socialism is economic

democracy. We want the right for the working class to decide what to produce and to whom it should go."

Solidarity vigorously campaigns for support from labor unions and for an increased number of unions across the country.

"A big focus of Solidarity is in the labor unions to help workers understand that they are the working class," Liner said. "We are conditioned to think that we are workers instead of leaders. Workers own the means of production. That's the most powerful force."

There are around 15 current members in the Middle Tennessee branch and about 400 members nationwide. There are branches located in Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Columbus. The national headquarters is located in Detroit, Mich.

Future plans include an informational session tentatively entitled, "Socialism 101." Those interested in involvement should contact Matherly by e-mail at eng2001a@mtsu.edu. ■

TBR Chancellor to leave this year

Jeremy Rush
Staff Reporter

The head of the Tennessee Board of Regents will retire Dec. 31 to spearhead a private consulting firm.

Board Chancellor Charles E. Smith, who has served on the board for six years, is leaving to head up Charles E. Smith and Associates, an education consulting company.

Smith, former commissioner under Gov. Ned McWherter, has had many accomplishments during his time as chancellor. A board announcement said his accomplishments have brought both regional and national recognition to the board.

Gov. Don Sundquist said, "Chancellor Smith has been an innovative and creative leader at the Tennessee Board of Regents," said Gov. Don Sundquist. "The accountability system that he has put in place has been a model for higher education, and he has worked extremely well with our administration, especially in improving workforce development efforts in Tennessee."

The board is made up of MTSU and 45 other institutions from across the state. More than 180,000 students attend board institutions, and eight of 10 students enrolling in public higher education in Tennessee now enroll in a board institution.

Since Smith has taken charge, the number of students receiving degrees, certificates or diplomas, in the Tennessee Board of Regents system has increased by 10 percent, and board institutions now award more than 23,000 degrees to Tennesseans

annually, according to board figures.

During his six years as chancellor, Smith has worked to improve agreements between the 46 institutions within the board, which now allow students to transfer more easily between institutions.

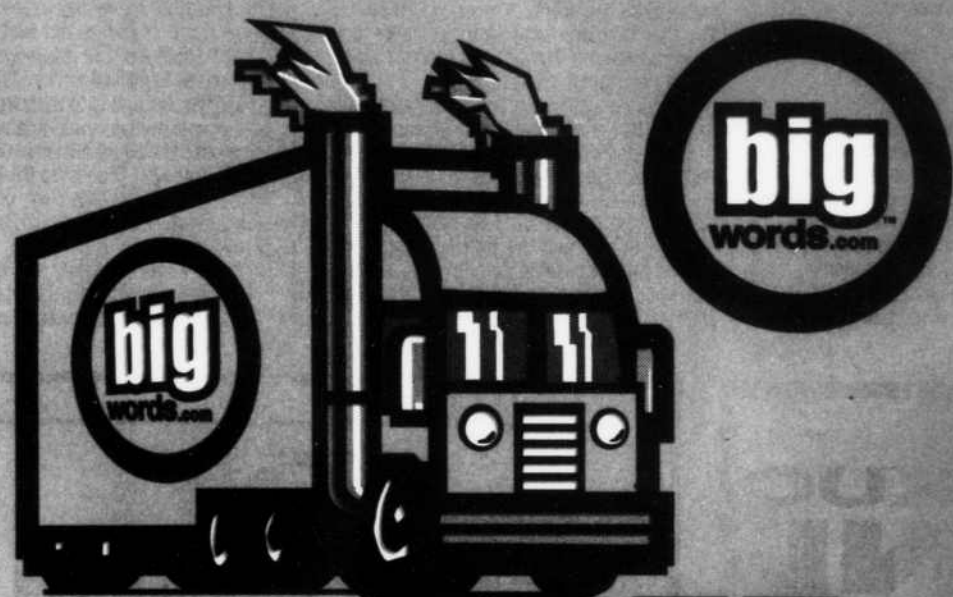
Through tight management of under-funded budgets, kept tuition fees as low as possible and has aggressively sought ways to promote diversity on all 46 campuses, according to the announcement.

Who will follow in the footsteps of Smith is still unclear. Vice Chairman Bill Watkins said a search for Smith's replacement will begin this fall.

"Perhaps our greatest achievement has been the conversion of Tennessee Board of Regents from a loose confederation of campuses to a strong and unified system with a clear and well-defined mission," Smith said.

"Leading a diversified system that has universities, community colleges and technology centers is a unique challenge, but I truly believe we have something special to nurture, enhance and defend."

During his 32 years of service in Tennessee public education, in addition to serving as Chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents for six years and as the state's commissioner of education for seven years, Smith served as chancellor of two University of Tennessee campuses, as vice president over two separate divisions of UT's statewide university administration and as editor of both weekly and daily newspapers in Tennessee. ■



FREE DELIVERY

BIGWORDS.com - Straight burning rubbah! Right to your door.

SAVE UP TO 40%. FREE DELIVERY!*
WE PROMISE NOT TO RIP YOU OFF... (AS MUCH).

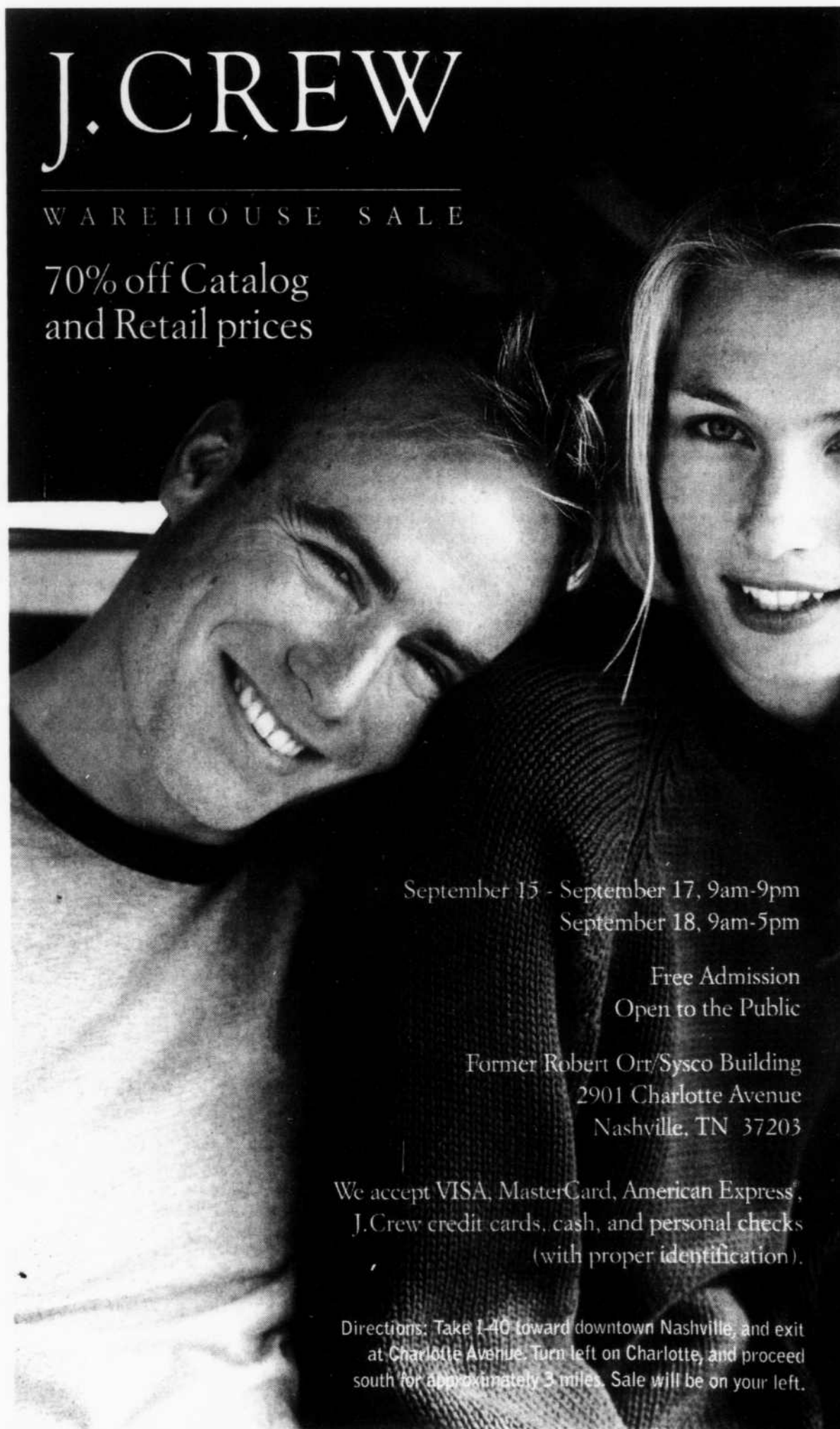
BUY TEXTBOOKS ONLINE.

⇒ **bigwords.com** ⇐

J.CREW

WAREHOUSE SALE

70% off Catalog
and Retail prices



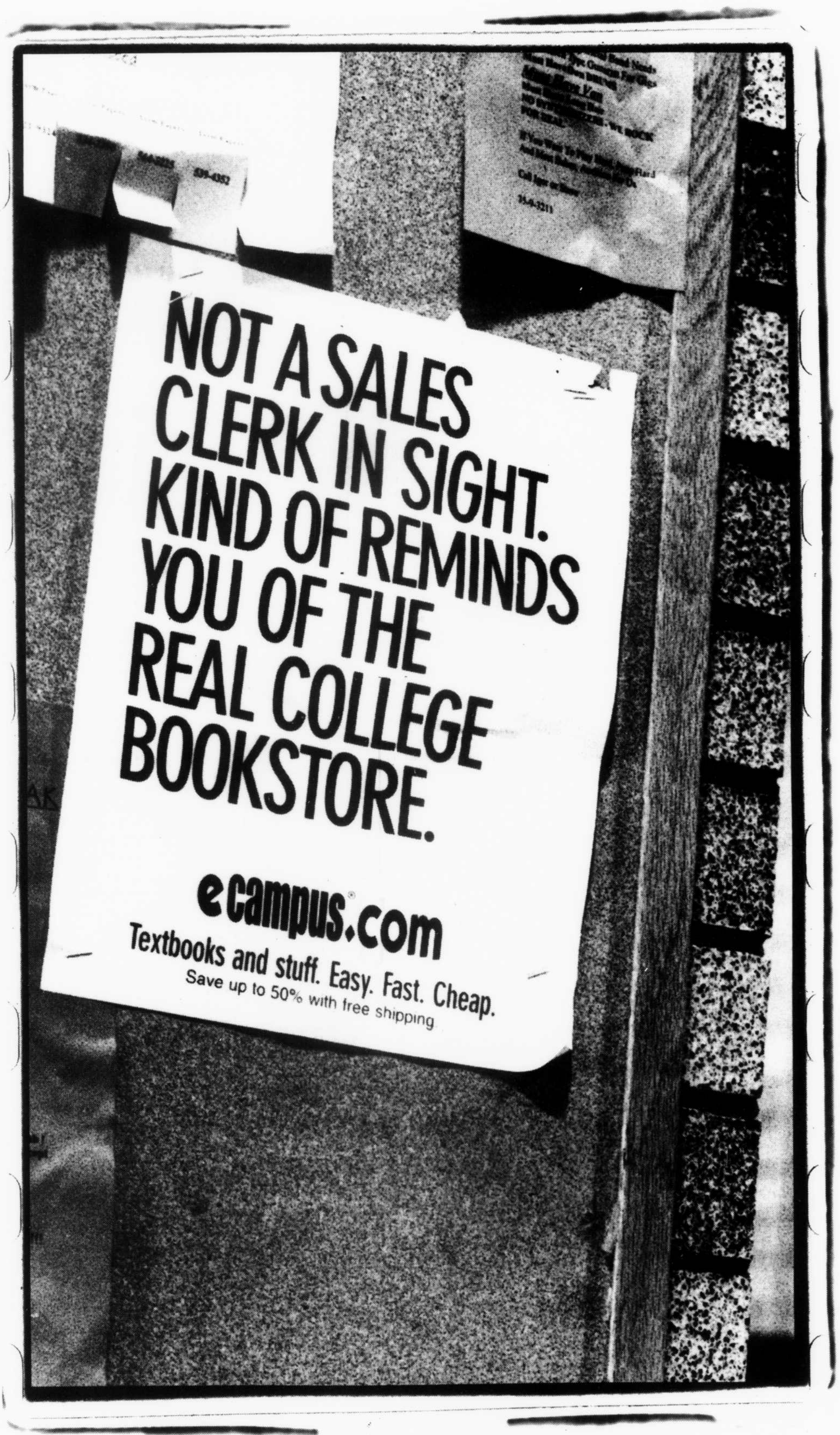
September 15 - September 17, 9am-9pm
September 18, 9am-5pm

Free Admission
Open to the Public

Former Robert Orr/Sysco Building
2901 Charlotte Avenue
Nashville, TN 37203

We accept VISA, MasterCard, American Express,
J.Crew credit cards, cash, and personal checks
(with proper identification).

Directions: Take I-40 toward downtown Nashville, and exit
at Charlotte Avenue. Turn left on Charlotte, and proceed
south for approximately 3 miles. Sale will be on your left.



Wanna win a Hummer? See our website for details. Deadline for online entry is 10/15/99. Mail-in entries must be postmarked by 10/15/99. No purchase necessary. Must be at least 18 years old and a licensed driver in state of residence. Void where prohibited. For Official Rules, mail a self-addressed stamped envelope to: The eCampus.com Wanna Win a Hummer? Rules, c/o Marden-Kane Dept RF, 36 Maple Place, Manhasset, NY 11030. Requests received after 10/31/99 will not be fulfilled.

Appeals court decision backs Kentucky student censorship

Staff Reports

Citing "poor quality" and a purple cover, a federal appeals court in Cincinnati today upheld the censorship and confiscation of 2,000 student yearbooks by officials at Kentucky State University. The court also upheld the school's removal of the

student newspaper's faculty adviser from her position after she refused to censor material from the paper critical of the university.

Today's decision in *Kincaid v. Gibson*, 1999 FED App. 0322P (6th Cir.), which could have an immediate impact on students working on student media in Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee, is the first time a federal court of appeals has used a 1988 Supreme Court decision that upheld a high school principal's censorship of a student newspaper to justify censorship of the college press.

Over the last decade, that decision, *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier*, has led to a sharp rise in the censorship of high school student publications. Under *Hazelwood*, school officials may censor school-sponsored student publications if they can show that they have a "legitimate pedagogical" (educational) reason for their actions. The Supreme Court standard gives great deference to censorship decisions by school officials, allowing them to censor when they find material to be "ungrammatical," "poorly written," "inappropriate," or "inconsistent with the shared values of a civilized social order."

For more than thirty years prior to today's decision, courts had consistently ruled that college journalists enjoyed First Amendment protections similar to those afforded the commercial news media.

The decision has left many who work with the student media stunned.

"This decision represents an almost 180-degree turn from the strong First Amendment protections that have traditionally been afforded public college student media," said Mark Goodman, executive director of the Student Press Law Center.

"Make no mistake, if allowed to stand, the decision today will gut student journalism programs at some colleges and universities. We've seen that happen at a number of high schools in the eleven years since *Hazelwood* was handed down — and we'll see it happen at the college level now."

"Fortunately," Goodman said, "the Sixth Circuit's decision is not the final word in this matter."

The case began in 1994 after administrators at Kentucky State University in Lexington confiscated approximately 2,000 copies of the 1993-94 student-produced yearbook, *The Thoroughbred*, which have remained locked in a university storeroom for almost five years. At the same time, school officials transferred the student newspaper's faculty adviser to a secretarial position after she refused to censor material from the paper critical of the university.

The Sixth Circuit's decision upholds a November 1997 decision by federal district court judge Joseph M. Hood who had ruled against students at the university, including the yearbook's editor, who claimed KSU had violated their First Amendment rights.

Administrators at Kentucky State claimed that they confiscated the student yearbook because they were unhappy that the yearbook's color (purple) did not

match the school's official colors. They also objected to the yearbook's inclusion of a current events section and to what they described as a general lack of quality. Citing *Hazelwood*, Judge Hood had ruled that these were sufficient reasons for KSU administrators to confiscate the yearbook.

The district court's decision was sharply criticized by national journalism education groups. Representatives of every public college or university with an accredited public college journalism program in Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee (the states that make up the federal Sixth Circuit where the case was heard) joined in a friend-of-the-court brief filed last year asking that the lower court's opinion be reversed. Two other friend-of-the-court briefs in support of the students were also filed by civil rights and professional news media groups.

In reaching its decision today, the appeals court found that Kentucky State had not clearly established the yearbook as a public forum, which therefore allowed it to censor the publication based on the *Hazelwood* standard.

"The determinative element of [determining forum status]...is the intent of the school in chartering the publication," Judge Alan E. Norris wrote for the majority.

"The Court in *Hazelwood* noted...that if the school did not intentionally create a public forum, then the publication remains a non-public forum, and school officials may impose any reasonable, non-viewpoint-based restriction on student speech exhibited therein," Norris wrote.

The court recognized that while school officials had — until the yearbooks were confiscated — exercised no "hands-on control" over the yearbook, that alone was not enough to establish the publication as a forum.

Because the yearbook was not a public forum, the court concluded that "it is no doubt reasonable that KSU should seek to maintain its image to potential students, alumni, and the general public. In light of the indisputably poor quality of the yearbook, it is also reasonable that KSU might cut its losses by refusing to distribute a university publication that might tarnish, rather than enhance, that image."

That argument does not wash with some.

"When school officials are allowed to use student media as a public relations tool, it ceases to exist as a credible source for teaching students about journalism," Goodman said.

In a dissent, Judge R. Guy Cole criticized the majority for failing to recognize the differences between high school and college students as well as the role of a student yearbook.

"A yearbook is a student publication constructed by students, intended for students. It reflects their perspective of the college experience," Cole wrote.

A decision about what to do next has not yet been made, though it may be hard for the students to back down now.

"In this country we don't — or at least we haven't until now — allowed government officials to confiscate thousands of copies of an otherwise lawful publication because its cover was purple or because it didn't sing the praises of a state institution. I can't imagine allowing such reprehensible conduct to go without a fight to the end now," said Mike Hiestand, staff attorney with the Student Press Law Center. ■

University Of Wisconsin bans smoking in dorms

Scott Marinaro
University of Wisconsin-Madison

MADISON, Wis. (TMS) — First-year students at the University of Wisconsin at Madison weren't given a choice that thousands of students here and around the country have received in past years.

For the first time, Wisconsin's housing applications didn't ask students about their smoking preferences. And that was no oversight or typo.

Like it or not, all UW dorms are now smoke-free.

This comprehensive campus legislation on the smoking issue is the first the university has enacted since 1991, when it banned smoking in campus buildings and common areas in campus dorms. Since then, the university has gotten less and less smoke-friendly.

University officials say they've made the decision to promote overall campus health and a sense of community.

Former smoking policies allowed students to puff in their rooms only if they lived areas designated for smoking. Because not everyone living on the same hall was of the same smoking preference, officials said many students never got to know their hallmates because they were too busy avoiding second-hand smoke.

"You can't enjoy the communal environment of the dorms with your door closed," said Paul Evans, director of university housing. "Smoking in the dorms is like smoking in someone's living room."

Many students and their parents are supportive of the change, Evans said. ■

TUITION

continued from page 1A

\$1300 for next year and the valedictorian/salutatorian scholarships increased to \$1500 this year.

The maximum amount possible for students to receive through federal Pell grants has increased by only \$125.

None of the scholarships offered at MTSU cover the entire expense of tuition, room and board, meal plans and books, with the exception of some athletic scholarships.

Approximately 65 percent of students attending MTSU receive some form of financial aid.

Still, Hutton said there are no full academic scholarships anymore because financial aid has spread its money around to offer partial scholarships to many students instead of full scholarships to a few students.

Officials in the Financial Aid Department advise students to apply early, or at least on time, for financial aid. The deadline for scholarship applications is March 1 this year.

Hutton urges students to also apply for private and departmental scholarships to get the additional money they need. ■

IF YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES
TO BE A LEADER IN OUR COMPANY,
THIS COULD BE YOUR OFFICE.



Few people will ever set foot in an office like this. But then, few people have what it takes to be a Marine Officer. Officer Candidates School (OCS) is the first step towards preparing you for a future beyond anything you could imagine. At OCS you'll develop the qualities you need to become a Marine Officer. Invaluable training that could lead to an exciting career in aviation. If you've got what it takes to be a leader of Marines, you could get an office with a spectacular view. For more information call 1-800-MARINES, or contact us on the Internet at: <http://www.Marines.com>

Marines
The Few. The Proud.

MARINE OFFICER

FRESHMEN-GRADS (ANY MAJOR) WHO WANT TO BE A PILOT CAN BE GUARANTEED THE OPPORTUNITY. SEE CAPTAIN RAINS AT THE CAREER FAIR ON 14 SEPTEMBER OR CALL 1-800-621-5510 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

 **Great Clips for hair®**

Your image is everything.
How much it costs
can be our little secret.

\$8.99
with student ID
(no coupon required)

Walk-in Service

Hours: M-F 9-9, Sat 9-6, Sun 11-4

1715M South Rutherford Blvd. 895-2226
Next to Bi-Lo—Exit Campus Right on Rutherford for 2 miles
2441R Old Fort Parkway 494-1300
Next to Kroger across from Sam's

THRONEBERRY PROPERTIES

Convenience, Style & Affordability are
only a matter of choice!

Holly Park & Park IV
2426 E. Main 896-0667

Windrush & Applegate
1735 Lascassas 893-0052

Rosewood
1606 N. Tenn. 890-3700

Pine Park & Birchwood, Oak Park I, II, III
1211 Hazelwood 896-4470

Gateway
1841 New Lascassas 848-0023

Constructed, Owned & managed by Buford Throneberry & Family
A trusted name for your apartment needs for over 28 years.
www.throneberry.com

SOUTHSIDE LIQUORS

Welcome MTSU Students
STUDENT DISCOUNTS
(ID Required)

1475 S. Church St.
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

Phone: (615) 907-4080
9 a.m.-11 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

**Check Out Our
New Store**

ECKERD

Food Mart
School Supplies
Cold Drinks
Cold Beer
Batteries
Film

Pharmacy
Photo Lab
Cosmetics
Greeting Cards
Seasonal Items
Electronics

ECKERD
Express Print

**50%
OFF**
Photo
Finishing
w/ coupon

ECKERD

**10%
OFF**
All School
Supplies
w/ coupon

	MTSU
Tennessee	Main
	Mercury
	ECKERD

CENTER POINTE WEST

Stop throwing away money on
rent! Buy at CenterPointe and
receive a return on your
investment.

Zero Lot Development 0.3 Miles from campus. New Construction. 2 and 3 Bedroom Townhomes starting at \$75,900. Pay less than rent. Live in new complex. Walk to class. Ideal location. Freedom to come and go as you want. Great investment for Mom & Dad. Buy now and pick plan.

- Great investment for Mom & Dad
- Tax credit & appreciation
- Walking distance to campus
- Brick mailboxes
- Refrigerators
- Concrete drives
- Ceiling fans
- New single-level floor plans available

**COLDWELL
BANKER**

SNOW & WALL

An independently Owned and
Operated Member of
Coldwell Banker Real Estate
Corporation.

Offered by Coldwell Banker/Snow & Wall
1980 Old Fort Parkway
Murfreesboro, TN 37129
Phone: (615) 893-1130
For Sales Information:
John Jones 300-7475
Curtis Lester 804-3797



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

FIRST FLOOR 610
SECOND FLOOR 582
TOTAL LIVING 1192



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

Hot Situations
Deserve

COOL
SOLUTIONS



Play the COOL FROM Nestea® Hot Facts Sweepstakes

You
could **WIN**

A Ski Trip to Vail, Colorado
a 3 day / 2 night weekend for four

Or a Casio® CASSIOPEIA™ E-100 Color Palm-size PC

HOT FACT #1

What percentage of students go on a "hot" date each week?

A. 22% B. 32% C. 42% D. 52%

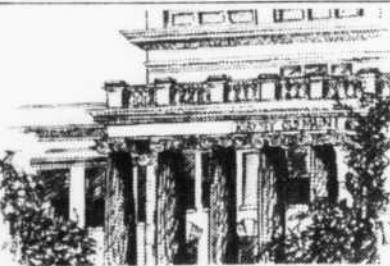
Each week throughout September, look for one incomplete Hot Fact (like the one above) in this campus newspaper. When you spot it, log onto **www.coolcore.com** and choose the answer that best completes the Hot Fact. Complete all four and you will be automatically entered for a chance to win in the Hot Facts Sweepstakes.

Be sure to look for next week's Hot Fact!

www.coolcore.com

Open to U.S. residents, who, as of 9/8/99, are enrolled in a U.S. college. No purchase necessary to play. Void in Florida and where prohibited.
To enter via internet: Access the COOL FROM Nestea Web site at www.coolcore.com starting 12:01 AM (ET) on 9/8/99 through 11:59 PM (ET) on 10/3/99 to see that week's Hot Fact(s) on screen. Every time you log on, you will be instructed to complete the on-screen entry form, including your name, the name of the college you are attending and the letter A, B, C or D, representing the word(s) which complete(s) the Hot Fact(s) for that week. Answer(s) need not be correct to be eligible but you must submit your answer to each of the four Hot Facts (one Hot Fact published each week as described in Rule #1 of the Official Rules) to be entered into the sweepstakes. Starting 12:01am (ET) on 10/4/99 through 11:59pm (ET) on 10/31/99, all four Hot Fact(s) will appear on screen in case an Internet participant misses one or more of the Hot Fact(s) that were featured. While you can, if you wish, log on each day, only one sweepstakes entry per e-mail address that includes all four answers will be entered into the sweepstakes drawing.
To enter via mail: On plain 3" x 5" paper, hand-print your complete name, address, zip code, (optional) daytime and evening telephone numbers and the words "COOL FROM Nestea Hot Facts". Mail your entry in a hand-addressed 4 1/8" x 9 1/2" (#10) envelope, with first-class postage affixed, to: COOL FROM Nestea Hot Facts Sweepstakes, P.O. Box 4941, Blair, NE 68009-4941. Limit one entry per envelope. Entries must be received by 11/15/99. IMPORTANT: On the lower left-hand corner of your mailing envelope, you must indicate the name of the college you are attending. For Official Rules, by which entrants are bound, including a list of participating colleges, send a SASE to: Hot Facts Rules Request, P.O. Box 4948, Blair, NE 68009-4948.

© 1999 Coca-Cola Nestle Refreshments Company, USA. "Nestea" is a registered trademark licensed to Coca-Cola Nestle Refreshments Company, USA.
© 1999 Casio is a registered trademark of Casio Computer Co., Ltd. CASSIOPEIA is a trademark of Casio Computer Co., Ltd.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1999

OPINIONS

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson
Murfreesboro, TN

7A ■ SIDELINES

Editorial

Scholarships should increase with tuition

They say, "Never bite the hand that feeds you."

But when it comes to scholarships, it's obvious why many recipients may be upset.

As tuition continues to increase, scholarship amounts do, too — as long as you are a first-time freshman recipient. If not, tough luck. The scholarship you may depend on for your college education will seem to shrink with each semester.

For instance, presidential scholars are still receiving \$3,300 a year while tuition has increased 6 percent to \$1,258 a semester for those in-state students not living in a dorm. For those living on campus, it's \$2,218 a semester. Add a meal plan and that's \$2,798. And that's not even considering the jump in cost if a student is from out of state.

Still, some is better than none. But what about the fact that the only full academic scholarships MTSU offer are athletic?

It's great to give scholarships for accomplishments — athletic as well as academic — but why reward a student who excels at one thing with more money than a student who excels at another?

Scholarships are wonderful things, and students are fortunate that MTSU offers so many different kinds. It's just a shame that students will reap less monetary benefits every semester they stay at the university and meet the academic requirements to keep their scholarships.

Regardless of how hard a student works to keep a scholarship, TRAM always will be the bearer of bad news after registration. When account balances are calculated, scholarship recipients can be sure they'll have to dig a little deeper into their own pockets or other resources in order to pay for another semester. It's like being punished when you've done nothing wrong.

How can MTSU improve a situation that is plaguing higher education across the state and the whole country?

First, why not even out the money given to presidential scholars, both old and new? By decreasing the total amount of presidential scholarship money given to first-time freshmen recipients, the leftover funds could be distributed to those who already have presidential scholarships. That would make the scholarship system more even across the board.

And if that doesn't work, let's look to the new stadium for answers. With our football team going Division I-A and being paired up against such powerhouses as Mississippi State and Arizona, MTSU must be making some money. Why not feed a portion of it into scholarships? After all, one justification for going I-A was that it would benefit the entire university, not just athletics.

So, now that we've had our first I-A game, let's watch for where that money goes. Let the football stadium pay for the students since it was the students who paid for the stadium.

Any solution is better than no solution as the situation grows worse with each year. MTSU administration needs to be aware that students who have scholarships really depend on them.

It's a free ride that's not taken for granted. ■

Left and out in the Semideep South

by Joshua Liner, Staff Columnist

Values, meaning undermined by liberal-capitalism

There is a certain incoherence to liberal ideology which has seemingly eluded both its capitalist proponents and its socialist critics. To get terms straight, I take the theory of liberalism to be summed up in the familiar maxim that a person should be allowed to "do whatever he or she wants to do, so long as they not keep another from doing whatever he or she wants to do."

Another way of expressing this theme is to say that in a liberal society no person or group of persons may prescribe and impose their particular set of values upon another person. (By values I mean those ingredients—habits, beliefs, possessions—which make a human life good.)

This goes even for the liberal State, which operates precisely to prevent an imposition of this sort from occurring. By default, the construction and selection of values in liberal society is for the most part left up to individual citizens.

Hence, the liberal premium on individual choice: Values, if we are to have them, must be "simply chosen" by each citizen for himself. They are not preexistent or objectively valuable, to be merely "taken on" by citizens who recognize them to be such—just as, for instance, one might choose to wear a shirt which has been sitting all along in the closet, simply awaiting selection; liberal values are more like the shirt which is cut from whole cloth at the individual's whim, actually becoming valuable in and through the exercise of free choice.

Contrary to liberal rhetoric, however, any system which is instituted merely to preserve "choice" per se seems not especially desirable, for the simple fact that there isn't anything especially desirable about having "choices" per se.

Whether consciously or not, we are indeed making "free choices" at every second of our lives. Even the most routine meal represents, at second glance, a liberal cornucopia—a marketplace, if you will—of choices: the diner could choose, for instance, to chew his or her food at a fast, medium, or slow rate of speed, to supplement this with swallows of water during mouthfuls or between mouthfuls, or after every third, fourth or eleventh mouthful, to rotate his plate to any conceivable number of positions, and all the while to wiggle his or her toes under the table at any rate of speed, at any interval or—Choice be praised!—not at all.

Even complete physical restraint could not divest the diner, now fed through an intravenous tube, from his

hallowed freedom of choice, as his mind would be left free to imagine any of a likewise infinite number of objects, say, a favorite episode of *Bosom Buddies*, a new car, or the finer points of the Cartesian Coordinate system. Its clear that, conceived broadly enough, we face at any waking moment a landscape of virtually infinite choices (and who could need more than that?) which we could in principle make, and this would not cease to be the case even in the most illiberal, even despotic society.

But of course I am being ironic here, and the fact that my irony is obvious to every reader illustrates that, even on liberal intuitions, the rhetoric of liberalism rings fundamentally hollow.

Contrary to liberal rhetoric, any system which is instituted merely to preserve "choice" per se seems not especially desirable, for the simple fact that there isn't anything especially desirable about having "choices" per se.

What is clear at some level to all of us is that it isn't free choice per se that ought to be preserved—a political system, but rather, significant or meaningful—again, valuable—choices, whatever these might turn out to be.

But this talk of preserving valuable choices takes us back to the question of how to ground value in the first place.

This is where the real incoherence of liberal ideology is to be seen: the very understandable desire of liberals to preserve value in the world is, I argue, fundamentally undermined by making "simple choice" the standard of value. If a thing is valuable just because it is chosen, then anything at all has equal potential value, as it is potentially choosable.

Having a standard which anyone and everything cannot help but meet amounts in effect to even talk of standards at all; it becomes meaningless then to even talk of standards in such a case. (By analogy, if we gave everyone in the world the same award, being awarded would become a very insignificant and petty experience.) If all choices are equally valuable, all become equally trivial.

The choice to be, say, another Mother Theresa, loses any special significance it might otherwise have, as it is placed on the liberal valuational scale alongside wiggling toes, rotating plates, and being the president of the Mother Theresa hate club.

In this way, liberalism sucks the world of its substance, remakes it into so much light and airy minutiae.

It becomes a realm where nothing matters very much, where we have choices but nothing is at stake in making them, where we may as well play one role just as soon as its opposite, and just as soon no role at all. (This is the kind of effect Karl Marx noted when he said that in such a system as ours "everything solid turns into air.")

Value, then, if the term is to retain any meaning, is an inherently social phenomenon, which is to say, it cannot be subject to the will of any single individual, be it a tyrant choosing for all or a liberal citizen choosing for himself alone.

The liberal, of course, will intend by his "free choice" the particular choice of the marketplace: the choice to buy, sell, own, work, quit, hire and fire. In these activities, collective decision making is sparse; individual choice is motive force.

But in eliminating any social dimension from the choices of production and consumption, capitalism does in the economic sphere of our lives the same damage that values that liberalism did for the rest. This bears no small effect on our lives, as our identities are increasingly bound up with our marketplace activity, the jobs we hold and the stuff we buy.

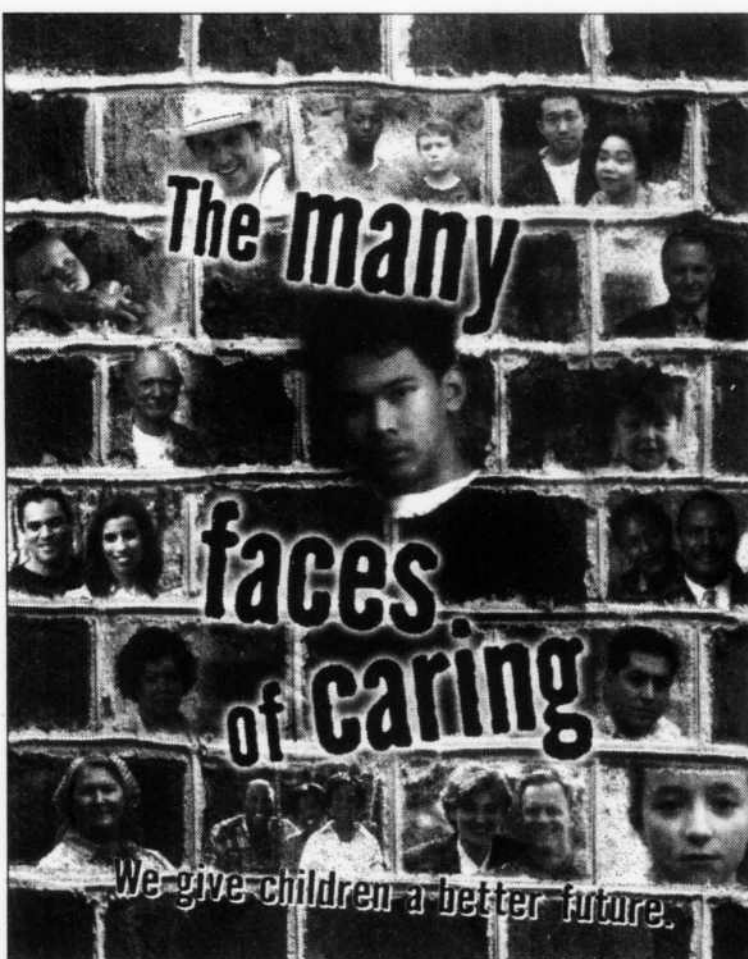
Capitalism ensures that the choices we make in the marketplace will likewise remain devoid of significance, and thus socialism, defined here as a system in which the matters of production and consumption are decided democratically and not merely privately (neither by individual consumers nor the "tiny despots" of the stockroom), sets the conditions for constructing a realm of significance in that arena. ■

Sidelines welcomes letters to the editor. Simply drop them by JUB 310 or

email them to studpubs@mtsu.edu.



Letters may be edited for length or grammar.



For every child lost to poverty, dysfunction or despair, we lose the next Mozart, Thurgood Marshall or Eleanor Roosevelt. Volunteers of America reaches out to the nation's most vulnerable individuals by helping children and their families rebuild their lives. We help young people by providing such programs as adoption and foster care services, youth employment training, and transitional and emergency shelter. Find out what you can do. Call 1 (800) 899-0089 or visit us at www.voa.org.

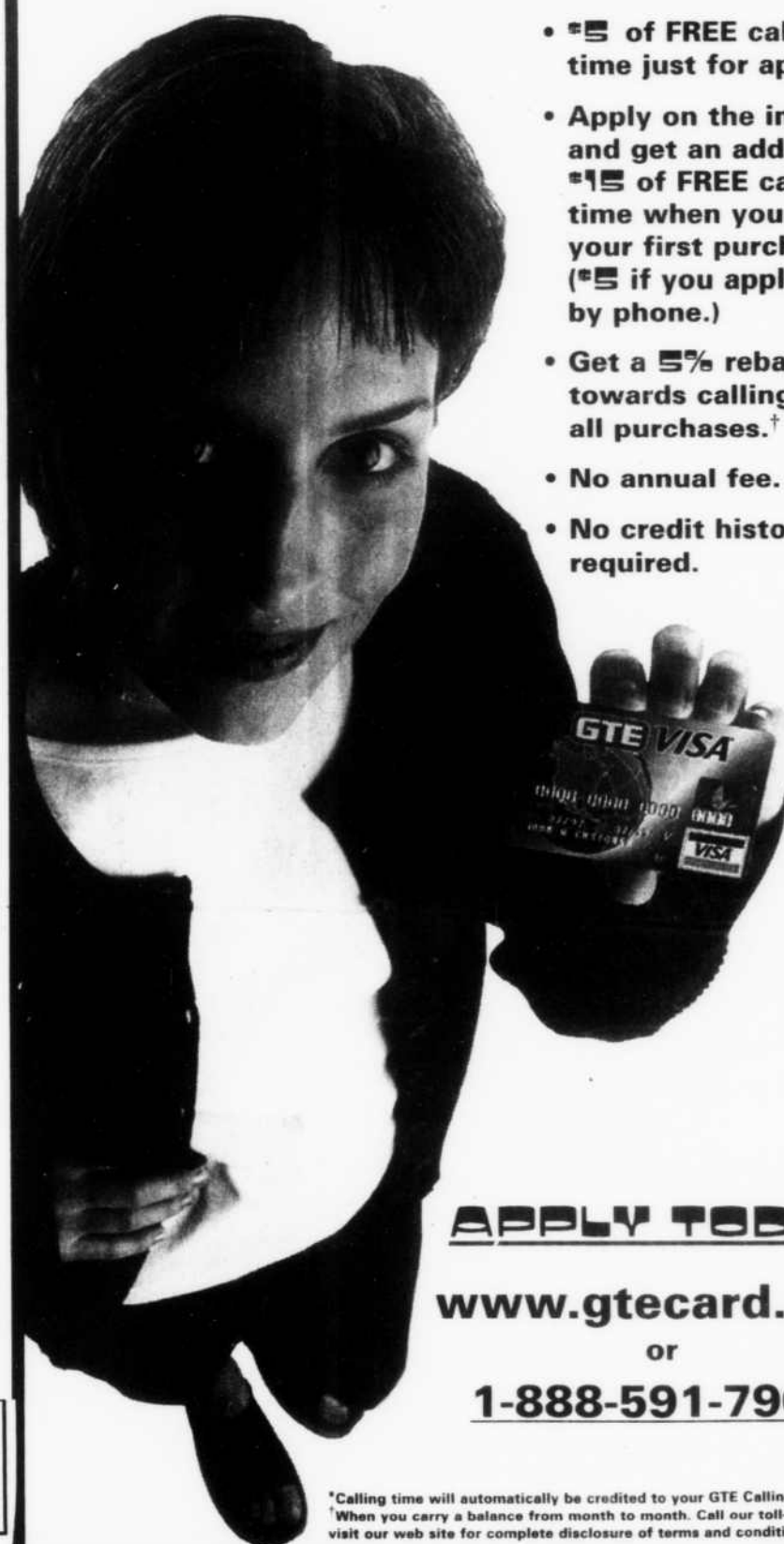


There are no limits to caring.

(615) 383-0490 or
1(800) 395-5318

Girl Scouts.
Where Girls Grow Strong.™

Apply for the
GTE Visa® on the web
and get up to **\$20** of
FREE calling time.*



- **\$5** of FREE calling time just for applying.
- Apply on the internet and get an additional **\$15** of FREE calling time when you make your first purchase. (**\$5** if you apply by phone.)
- Get a **5%** rebate towards calling on all purchases.†
- No annual fee.
- No credit history required.

APPLY TODAY!

www.gtecard.com

or

1-888-591-7900

*Calling time will automatically be credited to your GTE Calling Card account. †When you carry a balance from month to month. Call our toll-free number or visit our web site for complete disclosure of terms and conditions.

SIDELINES

P.O. BOX 42
Murfreesboro, TN 37132
EDITORIAL: 898-2337
ADVERTISING: 898-2533
FAX: 904-8487

EDITOR IN CHIEF
MANAGING EDITOR
NEWS EDITOR
OPINIONS EDITOR
FEATURES EDITOR
SPORTS EDITOR
PHOTO EDITOR
COPY EDITOR
FLASH! EDITOR
GRAPHICS DESIGNERS

Lesli Bales
Jamie Evans
Randall Ford
Angela White
Amanda Virgillito
Josh Ezell
Derrick Wilson
Pam Hudgens
Susan McMahan
Becky Curtis
Raymond W. Hutzler
Michelle Schafer
Justin Steward
Marisa Calvin
Rebecca Neff

AD DESIGN
ADVERTISING MANAGER
ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVES

Alison Davis
Suzanne Franklin

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS DIRECTOR
Jenny Tenpenny Crouch

"Sidelines" is the non-profit, editorially independent student newspaper of Middle Tennessee State University and is published every Wednesday during June and July and on Monday and Thursday during the fall and spring semesters. FLASH!, the entertainment magazine, is published every Wednesday during the Fall & Spring semester. The opinions expressed herein are those of the individual writers and not necessarily "Sidelines" or the university.

The Codebreaker's Almanac by Dylan Ross, Staff Columnist

Media ignore U.S. history in East Timor coverage

As the tiny island nation of East Timor prepared last week for the U.N.-mediated election in which its people would choose whether or not to break away from Indonesia, the whole country held its breath in the wake of violence perpetrated by anti-independence militias, violence that was only expected to intensify with the result of a vote for independence. When the East Timorese public voted overwhelmingly (78 percent) in favor of independence, these fears were realized. East Timor erupted in a frenzy of brutality, with the militias attacking and killing East Timorese citizens, U.N. workers and foreign journalists. The only sources available indicate that at least 170 have been killed as of Monday. Evidence of complicity in the violence by the Indonesian military, officially responsible for the maintenance of order in East Timor and guaranteeing the safety and integrity of the elections, only makes the situation more ominous.

Now, as militias rampage through East Timor tolerated and even escorted by the Indonesian soldiers that many international authorities insist organized the anti-independence gangs, martial law under the Indonesian military has been declared. Given Indonesia's track record of egregious human-rights violations and present conduct in East Timor, this is not a promising situation.

As U.S. citizens, calmly reading or hearing about this terror from halfway across the world, we should be troubled by the fact that the mainstream media are behaving, for the most part, as though this cauldron of violence sprang up fully-formed. This historical tendency of the U.S. media is made doubly atrocious by the fact that the U.S. government has itself had a hand in shaping the present situation in Indonesia and East Timor.

The history of the East Timor crisis (and more specifically, of the United States' role in this history) goes beyond the fact that, according to Human Rights Watch, the anti-independence militias have been running rampant and unchecked by the Indonesian military for at least eight months prior to the elections. This history begins in 1975 when Indonesia invaded East Timor without provocation and with tacit U.S. support, beginning a campaign of brutality that would claim the lives of 200,000 East Timorese (some 30 percent of the island's original population) over the next 24 years. The occupation of East Timor is appropriately characterized as a reign of terror, with Indonesian soldiers and police imprisoning, torturing and/or summarily executing East Timorese citizens, especially those who dissented under Indonesian rule.

And during these 24 years of brutality, the U.S. carried on its dealings with Indonesia in a routine fashion. That is, Indonesia not only benefited from U.S. trade, but also from U.S. weapons and military training. A report by the East Timor Action Network states that since 1975, the U.S. has sold \$1.1 billion in weapons and has given more military aid than any nation behind Israel and Egypt. In 1992, this direct military assistance was reduced after the massacre of more than 270 East Timorese by Indonesian soldiers armed with American weapons prompted Congress to pass a resolution insisting that Indonesia correct these "abuses" before receiving further military aid. One wonders why, after the deaths of 200,000 East Timorese, the passage of such a resolution took so long.

But the sale of arms to Indonesia is not the only way in which the U.S. has supported the Suharto regime and its successors. Military aid has also been granted in the form of training, especially in the terror-tactics known in the U.S. by the euphemism "counter-insurgency". Under the auspices of the International Military Education and Training program, a good deal of U.S. military aid to Indonesia was in the form of training for the Indonesian soldiers until such aid was cut off in the aftermath of the 1991 massacre.

These troops, trained partly by Green Berets and other U.S. soldiers, have been the primary instrument of government repression and violence, not only in East Timor but in Indonesia as well, where pro-democracy

activists frequently disappeared under Suharto's regime. Congress' suspension of IMET aid did not end such training. However, in 1998, it was discovered that the Pentagon had been selling such training to the Indonesian government since 1992, independently and without Congressional approval.

And these are the results: Savage violence and the brutal repression of democracy, with the Indonesian military regime wearing the mask of anti-independence militiamen. And despite urgent insistence from U.N. workers and others in East Timor, the U.S. media have only recently begun to acknowledge the possibility that these militias are linked with, and even directly supported by, the largely U.S.-trained Indonesian military.

This is not a theory of conspiracy. The information presented here is freely available, but it is marginalized by the mainstream media, which have a deplorably bad memory. And the role of the U.S. government is largely consistent with a U.S. foreign policy that did not die (as it should have) with the Cold War. As many events prior to the East Timor crisis have shown, the U.S. government is willing to tolerate and even aid brutally repressive right-wing dictatorships in the name of "stable" (i.e. non-socialist) markets. U.S. policy toward Nicaragua and South Africa during the 1980s clearly demonstrated that U.S. corporations and government are more ready to accept massive suffering than democratic movements that could slide toward a socialized economy.

Such memories are telling in the present situation, when the bomb blasts of Yugoslavia still ring in our ears and a new crisis faces us as citizens of the world. The U.S. government's Sept. 2 refusal to dedicate troops to a U.N. peace-keeping force to be sent to East Timor forces us to reevaluate the policy of "humanitarian intervention" invoked during the recent war with Yugoslavia. Apparently, East Timor is too small a market for "stability" to be a concern. In any case, from this point on, we must regard with skepticism any claims the U.S. government makes about humanitarian motives for military action.

For more information visit www.etan.org.

Interested in speaking your mind?



Sidelines is looking for:

Columnists
Freelance Writers
Cartoonists
Political Analysts

Apply in JUB 310 or attend our weekly staff meeting Thursday at 5 for more info.

Tuition breaks students financially

Josh Murdock
University of Central Florida

A college student's most and least favorite word is money. It all depends on if you are receiving the green or shelling it out. College students pay, pay, pay and pay some more. If they get lucky, a few dollars might float in their direction.

According to the College Board, the 1998-1999 average cost of a college education was \$10,458 for students attending public universities, and \$22,533 for students at private colleges and universities. Out-of-state students attending public universities pay an average total cost of \$15,632.

That is a lot of money and that does not include cars, dates and food. It all adds up fast.

Tuition is rising in Florida again this year. Last year it rose seven percent and this year tuition will rise another 6.7 percent. So what does that mean? Yes, money, money and more money.

College students aren't getting any richer these days. We still eat Ramen Noodles, write checks for 55 cents, and conserve lint to make a sweater. Okay, well most of us don't do that last one, but there are always a few.

I don't think most college students to continue paying increase after increase until we meet how much the state wants us to pay. If that happened, we would be paying 100 percent of our education. Ouch, and you think you pay a lot now.

Really I don't think that will ever happen anytime soon, but you will be paying 25 percent of your total cost of tuition in the next few years.

Students will continue to eat at Taco Bell and bring their clothes home to wash when they visit mom and dad.

Students will never come out on the fair end of the money deal until that wonderful day when they pay us to go to college. Let's all get down on our knees and pray for that day to come really soon.

Do it for someone you love

My health is no laughing matter. And a low-fat vegetarian diet can help me stay healthy and fit—not just for myself, but for those I love. Hearty vegetable soup, pasta primavera, or my mom's red beans and rice. Delicious and good for you. And that's no joke.

Keenen Ivory Wayans, actor

Tonight, make it vegetarian

For more information, contact: Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine
5100 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 404 - Washington, DC 20016
(202) 686-2210, ext. 300 • www.pcrm.org

Pressed for money?
You'll love our student loans.

If you're facing college expenses,

First Tennessee can help. We

offer a variety of student loans

and can normally process your

application within 24 hours.

Our Student FIRST Rewards™

Student FIRST Returns™, and

reduced rate PLUS loan incen-

tives can offer you substantial

savings. And our student check-

ing, no-fee FIRST check™ debit

card, and online banking can

further reduce your financial

pressures. We want to meet all

your financial needs. Call or stop

by First Tennessee today.

24-hour student loan access:

1-800-844-8880

FIRST TENNESSEE
All Things Financial.

New '99 Cavalier
New '99 S-10 Pickup
New '99 Camaro

OK Credit for:

First Time Buyers

College Graduates

Ask about

down payment assistance

up to \$2,150.00

Call Son Hughes NOW!

(615) 731-3000 ext. 222



With approved credit

Jolt N' Bolt
Java Junkies
Drive-thru
Espresso Drinks

Café Lattes - Cappuccino
Café Mochas - Gourmet Coffees
Smoothies - Iced Coffees

Need a quick buzz?
Short on time?
We'll have you in
and out in minutes

Open 6am Mon-Fri

JavaRose

M'boro Rd. in Smyrna across from the
K-Mart Shopping Center
220-6000

javaRose@msn.com

show your student I.D. and receive
.50 off any Mega drink

TEXAS STATE PENITENTIARY



"SAY... I HAVEN'T SNORTED COKE SINCE I GOT BUSTED FOR IT 25 YEARS AGO. THINK I COULD RUN FOR PRESIDENT?"

SCOUTING'S NEW "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" POLICY



Ultimately, the experience he gains in Ecuador will change the lives of the kids in his neighborhood back home.



PEACE CORPS

How far are you willing to go to make a difference?

www.peacecorps.gov • 1-800-424-8580

INTRAMURAL OUTDOOR
SOCCER

Registration:

Aug. 23 - Sept. 7:

Campus Recreation
Office

Play Starts:

Sept. 13: Intramural
Fields

Captain's Meeting:

Sept. 8 @ 5:00pm:
Rec Center



Officials Training: Sept. 8, 6-9pm in the Campus Recreation Office

For more information, contact Tina at 898-2104

MTSU CAMPUS RECREATION

FALL 1999 AEROBICS SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6:15-7:15am Early Bird Aerobics		6:15-7:15am Early Bird Aerobics		6:15-7:15am Early Bird Aerobics	
					9:30-10:30 Saturday Workout
4:30-5:00pm Abs, Abs, Abs		4:30-5:00pm Abs, Abs, Abs		4:30-5:00pm Abs, Abs, Abs	
5:00-6:00pm Box & Tone	4:45-5:45pm Step Aerobics	5:00-6:00pm Box & Tone	4:45-5:45pm Step Aerobics	5:00-6:00pm Box & Tone	
6:15-7:15pm Muscle Toning	6:00-7:00pm Box & Tone	6:15-7:15pm Muscle Toning	6:00-7:00pm Box & Tone		
7:30-8:30pm Step Aerobics	7:15-8:30pm *Yoga	7:30-8:30pm Step Aerobics	7:15-8:30pm *Yoga		

Please remember that all aerobic classes are \$1 or save money, buy a \$20 punch pass good for 26 classes. Participation waivers must be filled out once per academic year. Classes based on instructor availability. Please come by the Recreation Center or call the Fitness Director at 898-2104 for more information. *This class is offered in six week intervals. The class fee is separate from aerobic classes.



Do it for someone
you love



Tony LaRussa
Manager of the
St. Louis
Cardinals

Tonight,
make it
vegetarian

For more information, contact Physicians
Committee for Responsible Medicine
(202) 686-2210, ext. 300 • www.pcrm.org

When it comes to
the **internet** there
are two kinds:

1. Those who **put up**.
2. Those who **shut up**
and **check out** the
stuff that was just
put up.

www.greekcentral.com



nothing captures
greek life more
completely.

For a free CD, go to our
website, or call 1-888-GREEK55



UNIVERSITY
COURTYARD
APARTMENTS

PREMIER STUDENT HOUSING



Study Hard.
Live Easy!

2 AND 4
BEDROOM
APARTMENTS

One EASY monthly payment includes EVERYTHING!

- Electric Utilities Paid
- Basic Cable Paid
- Basic Phone Paid!
- Fully Furnished Apartments
- Intrusion Alarm
- Full Sized Washer & Dryer
- Private Baths Available
- Computer Lab
- Fitness Center
- Resort Style Pool/Jacuzzi
- Roomate Matching System
- Individual Leases

UNIVERSITY COURTYARD APARTMENTS
CALL (615) 907-0600 TODAY!

(615) 907-0665 (fax)

1540 New Lascassas Highway • Murfreesboro, TN 37130

BOWL SHAGADELIC SUNDAYS

"Be There or Be Square"

\$12 Per Lane, Per Hour

Starts 8:30 p.m.

941 NW Broad

896-0945

Le Beau Phateau

Rising Temperatures Falling Prices

1st month's rent on all apartments the same as the high temperature of the day

890-1378

1315 E. Castle St. Murfreesboro, TN 37130



www.dormfurniture.com

Check us out

Make Our Home Your Castle



Bring in this ad to receive a reduced application fee as well as a reduced deposit

For your royal treatment call 893-3516

CHELSEA PLACE

910 S. TENNESSEE BLVD



PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER

Pregnant?

Find out for Sure



ALL SERVICES FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL

106 East College St. Murfreesboro, TN 37132

E-mail us at www.boropregnancy.org

USED BOOKS

1000's of Previously Enjoyed Paperbacks

BEST SELLERS • MYSTERY
SCIENCE FICTION • CHILDRENS
HORROR • CLASSICS • ROMANCE, ETC.

TRADE APPROX. 2 FOR 1 OR
YOU BUY AT 1/2 PRICE

Please bring in your paperbacks to trade.


BOOK RACK (off the square)

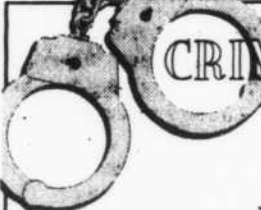
122 S. Maple St • 893-2726

Murfreesboro Missionary Baptist Church

816 N. Church Street
896-0720

Pastor Darren Bonee



 **CRIME STOPPERS NOTICE**
July 7, 1999

MTSU Crime Stoppers is looking for interested individuals to serve on its Board of Directors. If you are a full time student or MTSU employee interested in helping to make this campus a better place to live and work, please think about applying. Applications can be picked up at the campus Public Safety Department and at the Residential Life Office (KUC 303). If you would like more information about this program and how it works, please contact officer Tom Wright at the Public Safety Department at 898-2424 or David Gray at the Facilities Services Department at 898-2414.

Join the Chihuahua Team!

Taco Bell is looking for a few good men and women to fill leadership positions in our restaurants.

- * Assistant Managers
- * Shift Managers
- * Crew Members



We have a variety of full and part time positions, one of which will fit into your school schedule.

We provide:

- * Management opportunities with vacations and benefits
- * Comprehensive training *Team Environment *Employee Meals
- *Free Uniforms *Flexible Hours

To set up an interview, please call: 1-800-384-8226
mailbox extension:896-6951 or
fax a resume: 810-815-6338



Got news?

1-800-COLLECT

Save a Buck or Two.

FEATURES

18 ■ SIDELINES

Murfreesboro, TN

A five minute getaway: Parallax photo exhibit brings the world to campus

Robin Wallace
Staff Reporter

A journey through the Baldwin Photographic Gallery is not only a way of getting to class, it's also a panoramic expedition. Parallax, an exhibit of fifty color prints photographed by Lou Jones, represents a complimentary ticket for travels through the United States, Europe, Africa, Japan, Central and South America. It is a chilling and warming voyage of humans sharing the simple sorrows and joys of life.

The trip indulges the eye with a feast of rich textures and vibrant colors. The photographs overwhelm the mind with glowing images of humanity. Some are portraits of tyranny, as in the stark image of a mother instinctively wrapping her arms around her children to relieve their fears in the presence of a half-dozen armed soldiers.

Others are portraits of elegance, as in the golden image of a center-stage ballerina from the classic perspective of a orchestra pit musician.

Jones then explores Americana, as in the poignant image of a little girl with her hand in her mouth, looking curiously upward at a neon beer sign advertising the logo, "Made the American Way," while her father, a scruffy, bearded man, grins a gap-toothed smile out a window framed by a cafe-style gingham curtain. Innocence is portrayed in the touching image of the hope that lingers in the eyes of a dirty, poverty-stricken child.

Several are milestones, as in the festive image of a wedding celebration with a lively ensemble of musicians and the youthful glee of an old man. Yet all are an honest reflection of the world — its many peoples and their lives.

"What these pictures remind me of are the things

sweep a person into the very scene hearing the commotion of the market, smelling the sweat of a competition and feeling the purity of a cleansing rain.

With the exhibit being so detailed and intense, "I see something new every time that I walk through the

peaceful, satisfying life. Ultimately, Parallax will broaden the wayfarer's perspective.

Lou Jones will give a slide-lecture presentation beginning at 7:30p.m. in Room 104 of the Bragg Mass Communications Building on Sept. 27, 1999. A reception



Photo by Robin Wallace

Lou Jones's photo of children is one of many on display.

that we turn to which keep us going- other people. Like these cowboys here and those boys over there playing soccer, they are the same because it is what they turn to in order to avoid being alone," observed junior Tim Bergen, a journalism major.

Parallax resembles the magical sidewalk of chalk drawings in Mary Poppins; the pictures can literally

Gallery that I hadn't noticed previously," noted Dr. Bella W. Higdon, Associate Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Science.

Lou Jones, an award-winning photographer, has truly captured the spirit of the earth. His work embodies the human will not only to survive, but to push limits and break boundaries in determination to achieve a

will be held in the gallery following the lecture. The Baldwin Photographic Gallery is located in the Learning Resource Center. The exhibit will be displayed until Oct. 15, 1999, with the following hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday 8-11:30 a.m., and Sunday 6-9:30 p.m. Exhibitions and lectures are free and open to the public. ■

Bored in the Boro? Here's what to do

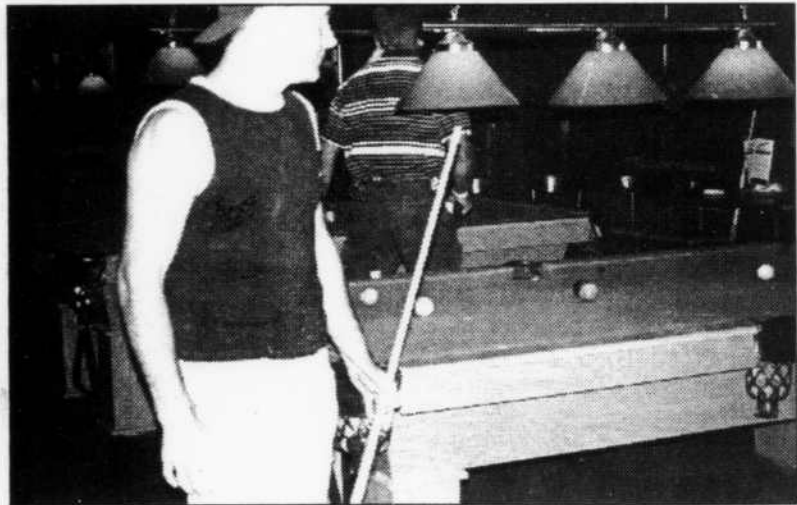


Photo by Jamie Evans

A Murfreesboro resident shoots pool at the local club, Faces.

Heather Glass
Staff Reporter

If you or any of your friends have ever made the statement, "There's nothing to do in Murfreesboro but eat out or shop at Wal-Mart at 2 a.m.," then you've been missing out. Murfreesboro has some great hangouts just waiting for you to come and party.

For those students who have a problem with transportation, check out The Boro, which is located on Greenland Drive across from Murphy Center. The Boro has live bands and is described as our campus pub.

Junior Brian Smith says, "I like The Boro the best because of the live music every night and the friendly atmosphere."

The Boro also has outside tables to add to the great atmosphere.

If The Boro is not the atmosphere you are looking for, another nearby club is Faces. Faces is a 21 and older club scene located on E. Main Street. Several Greeks typically hang out

there since Faces features a Greek night and many activities like the pajama party at the beginning of the semester. If you feel like dancing, there is a small dance floor for you to bust a move on.

Okay if Faces didn't quite hit the spot, continue on down Main Street towards the square where you'll find The Millennium and Sebastian and Diane's Brew Pub.

The Millennium is a great place to strut those dance moves you've been saving. It has a large dance floor and plays many different types of music to attract an older and younger crowd.

Sebastian and Diane's is a two level bar. Diane's is downstairs with a bar and lounge. Upstairs at Sebastian's you can hear local bands while you beat your roommate at a game of pool.

Sophomore Ashley Jones said, "I am a big fan of Sebastian's. I like the atmosphere, it's a bar but not a trashy bar."

If you still haven't seen anything you like continue on through the square down Main Street to the

club Main Street. Main Street is a 21 and over dance club unless it is Sunday or Wednesday night when it is 18 and over. Main Street can be described as a smaller version of The Mix Factory in Nashville. They also have bands, Fleming and John is a Nashville band Main Street will feature on Sept. 11th.

All right, say you're hungry but are tired of the same old food, Puffing Billy's is the place to go. To find it take a right on Broad Street after you leave the square. Puffing Billy's is a restaurant during the

day and a pub at night.

Puffing Billy's has live local bands and an open mic night for singers and songwriters. Open mic is on Sundays around 9 p.m. If you think you've got the talent, give it a try. You can also find a coupon for Puffing Billy's in our campus coupon book.

If bars and pubs aren't your idea of fun, you can try a movie. We have three movie theaters in Murfreesboro. One is on Broad Street, one at Stones River Mall and one is the Campus Twin Theater

which feature new releases and is only \$1.50.

If you've got too much energy to sit in a movie, try shopping at our local mall. If you're up for a short drive, Hickory Hollow is a larger mall only 15 minutes down I-24. Cool Springs Galleria is only 30 minutes farther. You can buy yourself some new school duds for fall.

All right, now you've got tons of ideas to fill up your Friday night. Now you'll never have to say there's nothing to do in Murfreesboro. ■



Photo by Jamie Evans

A bartender at Faces converses with a customer.

Just For the Health of It High Protein Diets: Are they Safe?

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

The latest fad diet, a high-protein, low-carbohydrate plan, has many people enthralled with its promised "fast results" and "fat-burning benefits." But is this really a healthy way to live?

Do scrambled eggs doused in butter with fried bacon sound like a balanced breakfast for someone who is hoping to improve their health? Authors of the high-protein promoting books, such as The Zone, Protein Power and Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution, may think so, but many doctors and health professionals disagree.

According to a report from Tufts University, high-protein diets are high on gimmicks and low on facts about what it takes to eat healthily.

These diets ban or severely limit breads, cereals, fruits and anything made with sugar while promoting foods high in fat and cholesterol including steak, whole eggs, hard cheeses, pure butter and mayonnaise.

Although such foods are not dangerous to your health when eaten in moderation, high-protein diets allow these foods to be eaten "freely" since they are void of carbohydrates and rich in protein. Those who strictly follow the pro-protein diets may lose a large amount of weight, but the majority of that loss is from water, not body fat.

The Tufts University report explains that when the body is deprived of carbohydrates, it turns to fat from food as its major source of fuel.

The fat gets broken down into substances called ketones, which are poisonous to the body's system. To eliminate the ketones, the body flushes them out with large amounts of water through urination.

The result is a large weight loss from water, usually occurring within the first few weeks of such a very low-carbohydrate diet. However, as soon as one begins to eat normally again, the weight will return.

High-protein diets claim to promote lower insulin levels, preventing the body from storing food as fat. However, when excess calories are consumed, the body will turn that unused fuel into fat, regardless of whether the calories came from a hamburger steak or a banana milkshake.

Although protein is essential for cell growth, the synthesis of enzymes and hormones, and assisting in vital functions such as building antibodies against infection, blood clotting and scar formation, eating only protein exclusively and avoiding the many other nutritious foods, including carbohydrate-rich grains, fruits and vegetables, is not a healthy choice.

The best diet (not just for losing weight, but for eating in general) includes selections from all food groups, with everything eaten in moderation. Restricting any one food or food group from the diet can result in vitamin-deficiency and can prevent the body from achieving its optimum health.

Therefore, unless you are willing to forgo eating a slice of pizza or indulging in birthday cake for the rest of your life, the best solution is to avoid the high-protein hype. ■

Ten Murfreesboro Hangouts

Faces
The Boro
The Bigg House;
(formerly Main Street)
Puffing Billy's
The Millenium
Sebastian's and Diane's
The Red Rose
Shoeless Joe's
Wal-Mart
Hastings

Ten Murfreesboro Restaurants

Toot's
Marina's
China Buffet
Demos'
New York Cafe
La Siesta
Pizzeria Porta Via
Waffle House
Mc Alister's
Logan's

When options count: Pregnancy Support Center counsels women in need

Ruth Peltier
Staff Reporter

It is the most difficult decision they have ever faced. Their dreams seem to lie in shambles around them. Everything that is important to them seems to be in jeopardy. Nothing will ever be the same again. They must decide the fate of another human being, a human being whose very existence is the result of their own actions. The Pregnancy Support Center in downtown Murfreesboro provides a safe place for the women with these feelings to explore their options, according to Vickie Edwards, executive director of the center. Edwards said that most of the confused, frightened women who come to the center are not able to see beyond the immediate dangers that threaten their relationships with their parents, boyfriends, classmates, churches and social groups. The staff and volunteers at the center help each woman work through her fears and recognize her new role as a parent. Whether she chooses to terminate her pregnancy through abortion or bear the child, she will be making a parenting plan for her baby, Edwards asserted. No one at the center will try to

force her into any particular decision. Instead, her counselor will allow her to think through the possibilities open to her, examine the long-term effects of her various choices and then decide what is best for her and for her child. The center provides free pregnancy tests, medical and adoption referrals, and a clothes closet to help women meet their own needs and their baby's material needs. The center also offers a support group for young, single mothers-to-be. The program is called LAMB, short for Learning About Mothering Babies. Kimra Steckbeck, an enthusiastic volunteer with this group, said that the program gives the women a place to talk with others like themselves about the concerns and problems they share. During the six months that a woman meets with the group, she can learn decision-making skills, perseverance, parenting, budgeting and finance. When she graduates from the program she will be more ready to deal with the responsibilities of child rearing. The program also gives her information about adoption, so she is better equipped to decide whether she wants to consider that option. Each woman in this program has a volunteer mentor who develops a one-on-one relationship

with her. Her mentor is available to answer her questions, to listen to her concerns, to help her get through this difficult time in her life and to prepare her for the challenges of motherhood. According to literature issued by the center, it also provides help for women who are having difficulty coming to terms with choices made in the past. The 1999 Winter Weekend Set Me Free Bible Study will be held Nov. 4-6. This study will not only deal with past abortion decisions but will also address the issues of rape, incest and other sexual violations. Edwards invited interested MTSU students to help with the work at the center. Before working one-on-one with clients, volunteers receive 24 hours of classroom training. Volunteers can also do office and clerical work and assist in special events, public relations and advertising. The Pregnancy Support Center is located at 106 East College St., just a block off the square. The telephone number is 893-0228, and the e-mail address is pregnancy@skyquest.net. Center hours are: Monday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tuesday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The center is also open the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. ■



Counselors at the Pregnancy Support Center offer advice to women in need.

Photo by Pam Hudgens



ONE CALL, AND HE HAS THE GRANDKIDS' GIFTS COVERED FOR YEARS.


Now buying gifts for the grandkids is a whole lot easier with the U.S. Treasury's new EasySaver Plan for U.S. Savings Bonds. Sign up once and automatically purchase U.S. Savings Bonds from your checking or savings account. You simply select the amount, the recipient, and the purchase dates. EasySaver is a safe and easy way to build their savings.

Order your FREE EasySaver brochure & enrollment form today.

1-877-811-7283 • www.easysaver.gov

A public service of this publication

Do it for someone you love




When my children came into my life, I realized how important it is to eat well—not just for them, but for me too. After all, I'm not doing them any favors by taking chances with my own health. Food can be powerful medicine, and the best prescription is to eat more low-fat vegetarian meals. The more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains you eat, the more your body will thank you.

Ziggy Marley, musician

Tonight, make it vegetarian


For more information, contact: Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine
5100 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 404 - Washington, DC 20016
(202) 686-2210, ext. 300 - www.pcrm.org



PEACE CORPS

How far are you willing to go to make a difference?

www.peacecorps.gov • 1-800-424-8580




The many faces of caring

Find out what you can do. Contact us at 1-800-899-0089 or www.voa.org

Volunteers of America

We treat our elderly with the dignity they deserve. *There are no limits to caring.*

KEVIN COSTNER
KELLY PRESTON



FOR LOVE OF THE GAME

UNIVERSAL PICTURES PRESENTS A BEACON PICTURES/TIG PRODUCTIONS/MIRAGE ENTERPRISES PRODUCTION KEVIN COSTNER KELLY PRESTON "FOR LOVE OF THE GAME"
CAST: JOHN C. REILLY JENA MALONE BRIAN COX MUSIC BY BASIL POLEDOURIS MARGIE G. MARO ROSWELL DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY JOHN BAILEY A.S.C. EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS RON BOZMAN MARC ABRAHAM
PRODUCED BY MICHAEL SHAARA PRODUCED BY ARTHUR BERNSTEIN AMY ROBINSON SCREENPLAY BY DANA STEVENS DIRECTED BY SAM RAIMI A UNIVERSAL PICTURE
SOUNDTRACK FEATURES HIT SINGLE "HOPE" BY SHAGGY AND BRAND NEW MUSIC FROM EILEY LOVETT SEMISONIC VINCE GILL JOAN OSBORNE JONNY LANG TRISHA YEARWOOD AND MORE

www.forloveofthegame.com

Sneak Preview Tuesday, September 14 at 7:30 pm
Regal Hollywood 27
719 Thompson Lane
COME BY STUDENT PUBLICATIONS OFFICE (JUB 306)
TO PICK UP COMPLIMENTARY PASSES
Opens Nationwide September 17
No purchase necessary First come First serve

Announcements

ATTENTION STUDENT ORGANIZATION PRESIDENTS!!!

THE FOLLOWING ARE IMPORTANT DATES FOR ALL ORGANIZATIONS TO KNOW

- ♦ STUDENT ORGANIZATION ORIENTATION
(Mandatory for all presidents; advisors may also attend)
September 2nd KUC 324 3:00
September 7th KUC 324 4:00
September 8th KUC 324 5:00
*You only need to attend ONE session
- ♦ ORGANIZATION INFORMATION REPORT/STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE FORM
Due to KUC 306 no later than Monday, September 13th

IN ORDER TO BE UPDATED, ALL ORGANIZATIONS MUST COMPLY WITH BOTH OF THESE REQUIREMENTS. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- ♦ STUDENT ORGANIZATION FAIR
September 15th KUC courtyard 10-2
- ** Organization Information Report/Statement of Assurance form now available in KUC 306. Student Activity Fee applications now available in KUC 130.**

National SAT Scores Paint Unclear Picture

James M. O'Neill
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

While SAT scores for college-bound students rose over the last decade in math, their verbal scores stagnated. Blame the Internet?

Some educators who study SAT trends speculate that the increase in teen Web surfing affects their reading skills. "Reading a Web page is not the same as a book," said Trent Anderson, executive director for pre-college programs at Kaplan Educational Centers, a national test-prep company.

Others, though, have different answers. Susan Fuhrman, dean of the University of Penn's Graduate School of Education, said verbal scores have remained flat because more students are taking the test whose first language is not English. She called for more emphasis on early literacy programs.

The College Board Tuesday released SAT scores for the cadre of students entering college this fall. The national verbal average remained 505, unchanged from last year. Math slipped a point to 511, the first slip for that score in nine years.

Educators say the general rise in math through the 1990s was sparked in part by a greater emphasis on teacher training.

"The National Science Foundation has been very active in increasing training opportunities for teachers in math," Anderson said. In addition, students are taking more math and science in high school, said Fuhrman.

The fact that students are now permitted to use a calculator during the

SAT, and couldn't in 1989, may also explain the rise, Anderson said.

While most ethnic groups saw SAT scores rise over the decade, Mexican Americans saw a six point decline in verbal and math. Gretchen Rigole, vice president for special projects at the College Board, the nonprofit education group that administers the SAT, said 70 percent more Mexican Americans are taking the test now than in 1989, "so there's good news behind the disturbing news."

Anderson warned that comparisons of test score data among ethnic groups should be made with skepticism. For instance, the largest category among SAT takers this year after whites was "other," and that category had average scores of 511 verbal and 513 math. If the bulk of those students are of one or another minority group, the minority average scores could conceivably be much higher than reported.

College Board spokeswoman Janice Gams, however, said the category likely includes foreign students or those of mixed racial ancestry.

For years critics of the SAT have argued that the test is income-biased and promotes inflated scores for wealthy students who can afford test-prep courses.

But College Board officials insist that coaching for the test has little impact on a student's test scores.

And Tuesday, College Board president Gaston Caperton said the SAT is an unbiased measure of students' readiness for college. He said the results reflect the education system that exists, "and unfortunately what exists is an education system where students from different backgrounds are not getting the same opportunities for learning."

The online help, Caperton said, will include professional-led

discussions with students on identifying academic weaknesses and offering ways to improve skills.

Far from seeing the move as a competitive threat, independently run test-prep companies say the move should draw attention to the benefit of test-prep courses.

"It's a great move. It raises awareness that the SAT is a test of acquired skills," says Kaplan's Anderson. "The SAT has never been an intelligence test."

Over the years, some colleges, sensitive to criticism about the SAT's value in determining which students to accept, have jettisoned the SAT in the admissions process.

In a recent study of college affirmative action funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, former Ivy League presidents William Bowen and Derek Bok also looked at the predictive power of the SAT.

In their book, "The Shape of the River," Bowen and Bok noted that after reviewing data from a group of elite colleges and universities, including the University of Pennsylvania, they did find a positive relationship between students' SAT scores when they entered college and their class rank when they graduated.

But they also point out that the magnitude of the effect is modest. "An additional 100 points of combined SAT score is associated, on average, with an improvement of only 5.9 percentile points in class rank" at graduation, they wrote.

For African-American students, the relationship is even more modest: each additional 100 points in SAT score is associated with a class rank improvement of only 5 points. ■

Credit Cards And College Students: A Reality Check

Frances B. Smith
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

In recent months, numerous news stories have focused on the evils of college students and credit cards. The articles used phrases such as "pushing cards on cash-strapped college students," "addicted to plastic," "the rubble of financial ruin," "financial shackles," "dark clouds of debt." Some media events linked student suicides with credit-card debt after a study released by the Consumer Federation of America.

This consumer group and some of its allies blamed the credit-card industry for these problems and pushed for their usual agenda of more government restrictions. The groups have called for curbs on credit cards for people under 21. Several lawmakers at the state and federal level have introduced legislation along these lines. Some legislative proposals would not allow students under 21 to apply for a card without their parents' permission.

While it makes for great attention-grabbing headlines to take tragic stories and turn them into calls for more government intervention, it is time to stop and get a reality check before following the lead of these consumer groups and politicians.

First, college students between 18 and 21 years old are legal adults. They have the right to vote and can be sent off to war by the government. How can we turn around and tell these same adults they can die for their country, but they can't get a credit card unless their mom or dad says it's OK?

Reaching the age of 18 brings certain

rights with it, as well as certain responsibilities.

These same adults who reach the age of 18 and go to college are making hard decisions all the time about school, work, relationships and goals. It's fairly common now for college students to obligate themselves to \$40,000 to \$50,000 or more in student loans to repay. If college students are responsible enough to make decisions to take on this level of debt for a college education, we cannot turn around and say they are not responsible enough to get a credit card.

As is often the case, the calls for government action by these groups may be a solution in search of a problem. According to credit-card industry sources, statistics show that people between the ages of 18 and 21 have at least as good a payment record as those over 21.

As with anything else, a credit card brings a number of rewards, along with some risks. There are a lot of reasons parents of college students want them to have a credit card. Parents have greater peace of mind knowing their child won't be destitute if there's a budget shortfall during the month or if student loan disbursements are held up. Credit cards can be invaluable for travel home and for unexpected expenses or emergencies. Getting a credit card in college is also a good way for young people to establish their own credit.

College is a place and a time that prepares students not only for earning a living but also for learning how to live independently. College provides students with critical lessons in personal

responsibility and in setting limits in all aspects of their lives - academic and personal. For them, learning how to manage money - to set spending limits and to live within one's means - is a necessary part of their lives.

Blaming credit card issuers for some college students' financial troubles, and calling college credit-card misuse a bigger problem than "alcohol and sexually transmitted diseases" (as one sociologist did) are guaranteed to get headlines and attention from some politicians.

However, such hyperbole won't get anyone on the right track in using credit cards responsibly.

Furthermore exploiting a couple of tragedies to help further an agenda for more regulation is newsworthy - for those who aren't squeamish - but does not solve any problems.

Some credit-card issuers undoubtedly make bad judgments in marketing to young people. Yet, if a company indiscriminately issues high limit cards to people with low-limit budgets, those issuers will ultimately pay for those judgments in the marketplace. Issuing credit to people who cannot pay back will increase their charge-offs and decrease their profits.

The best way to solve any credit problem of college students and people of all ages is to educate them at home and at school. Many parents prepare their kids to handle personal finances at an early age. They may teach their children how to "budget" their allowance or put gift money into a savings account for a special purpose instead of spending it right away.

Buy shoes
Tie shoes
Right foot
Left foot
First steps
Baby steps
Giant steps

A baby was born
with a disability

BOBO'S Chinese
BEST IN TOWN

Students: 15% OFF with I.D.*
LUNCH SPECIALS \$3.95 11-3pm

* not valid with
other specials

896-5661
1312 NW Broad

WE NEED GUITAR AND BASS AMPS!



MUSIC & MORE
118 W. VINE ST. M'BORO
895-5889

Lemstone BOOKS.

A Christian Book, Music and Gift Store

- Best Sellers and New Music Releases Always Discounted
- 26 Music Listening Stations - Listen before you buy!
- Free Bible Imprinting with Purchase
- Quick Special Order Processing

MTSU STUDENTS RECEIVE A 15% DISCOUNT

Conveniently Located in
STONES RIVER MALL
893-4020

Murfreesboro@Lemstone.com

Monday-Saturday 10:00am - 9:00pm Sunday 12:00 - 6:00pm

Speed, Sight & Sound

Professional Window Tinting from \$89.95
Car Stereo Installation from \$25.00
Professional Detailing from \$69.95
(prices may vary depending on vehicle)

LOWEST PRICES IN TOWN

All Custom Car Accessories, Parts & Installation

1303C West College St.
895-6114

CAMPUS RECREATION
BACKWOODS MINITRIATHLON

Swim 300 yards <6 laps @ pool>
Bike 7 miles <mulch trail>
Jog 2.2 miles <cross country>

Try it solo or as a TEAM of 2-4 students

DATE: Sept. 18 (Sat.)
TIME: 9:00am (mtg. 8:30am)
COST: \$10 students (\$15 guests)
LOCATION: MTSU Recreation Center
AWARDS: FUN, T-Shirts, snacks @ finish line

JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT!

Sponsor: Campus Recreation's Intramural Sports.
For more info/sign-up @ Campus Recreation
or call 898-2104.

Be part of an EXCITING INTERNET COMPANY!

needed:
Campus Operations Manager

- * Earn great money
- * Excellent resume builder
- * Flexible schedule
- * Gain Management and Marketing Experience

apply online at www.versity.com
email your resume to: jobs@versity.com
fax your resume to: 734/483-8460
or call 877/VERSITY ext. 888

versity.com
Study Smarter

'Teaching Mrs. Tingle' promotes the wrong lessons

Gina R. Dalfonzo
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Kevin Williamson, writer and director of the teen movie "Teaching Mrs. Tingle," likes to tell interviewers about the nasty high school teacher on whom he based the film's villain. After reading one of his short stories - involving date rape and severed limbs - she told him, "Yours is a voice that should never be heard."

Perhaps that critique was a little rough on a frail young ego, but many of that teacher's colleagues think she had a point. Along with parents and other community leaders, they have made news in recent days by protesting "Mrs. Tingle" through telephone and letter campaigns. In at least two cases, they've succeeded in getting it pulled from local theaters. And they persuaded Miramax Studios to modify its advertising and to end an Internet campaign that encouraged teens to send in stories about their worst teachers.

As the protesters realize, the hypocrisy of an entertainment industry that simultaneously condemns school shootings and feeds revenge fantasies to kids is becoming downright ludicrous. Reviewer Jessica Holmes jibed in the Boise State University Arbiter, "What do the beleaguered teens (in the film) do?"

Do they 'discuss the situation' as

endorsed on 'The More You Know' segments of network TV? ... Or do the kids grab a medieval crossbow and get wicked? I'll give you a moment."

Even the National Education Association, which normally labels parent protests as "censorship," has weighed in against the film. NEA President Bob Chase demanded that Miramax "stop producing and distributing movies that portray violence as something amusing or as a way to solve problems."

Much of this anger is directed against Miramax's stunningly bad timing in releasing the movie the week that Columbine High School reopened. Yet as most of these parents and teachers would agree, there is never really a good time for encouraging tired adolescent stereotypes about wicked teachers.

"Teaching Mrs. Tingle" makes no pretense about what it is: the attempt of a perpetual Peter Pan to get even with those mean old grown-ups.

Mrs. Tingle is a caricature with no good qualities, a hateful tyrant who is jealous of her best students because they have a chance to get out of the small town that she never left. There's no reasoning with her unfair grades and unjust accusations. This is why three students are apparently justified, after "accidentally" knocking her out (there's room for debate over just how accidental the incident is), in tying her to her bed and keeping her a prisoner in her own house.

Of course, everything except discouraging teen-agers is justified in Williamson's world, as anyone who's ever seen his television show "Dawson's Creek" is aware. (It's worth noting that the teacher on that show who had an affair with a 15-year-old student was treated much more sympathetically than Mrs. Tingle.)

Heroine Leigh Ann, for instance, is a goody-goody - that is, an 18-year-old virgin who feels a touch of compunction over getting the school sports coach drunk and posing him with the bound Mrs. Tingle for pictures to use as blackmail. Our heroine's epiphany takes place when Mrs. Tingle taunts her for being afraid of everything. Leigh Ann's response is to march down to the teacher's living room and do what she's secretly been longing to do: pounce on classmate and fellow schemer Luke, sending clothes flying in all directions. Immediately afterward, she changes her grade in the grade book that Luke has stolen from the teacher's desk, summing up the movie - and the Williamson worldview - with the immortal words, "What's right anymore?"

Those words should concern parents and teachers even more than the justly vilified scenes in which the students and teacher physically attack each other. That's because the moral relativism spelled out in this scene is what makes the violent scenes possible.

It seems Hollywood has already

forgotten the widely quoted diary entry by one of the Columbine killers: "My belief is that if I say something, it goes. I am the law."

Perhaps that sounds like a far cry from the advice of Leigh Ann's best friend, who (with great originality) tells her to "follow your little voice." But behind both statements is the same basic concept: There is no higher authority than one's own feelings and instincts. If that is true, and if decency and morality are only manifestations of fear, what motivation is there for kids to do what's right?

Alone in a hostile world run by adults who are either evil, weak, hypocritical or ditz, the three young stars of this movie realize that the only way to survive is to grab at whatever means will guarantee the requisite happy ending. Anyone who objects to that idea, in their eyes, is a Mrs. Tingle, sneering at "the selfish, mindless pursuits of your generation."

Perhaps Leigh Ann and Luke put it best as they survey her altered grade in the teacher's grade book: "I'm gonna burn in hell for this," she remarks, to which he responds, "It'll be a party."

That is the message emerging with increasing strength and frequency from the culture that surrounds America's kids. And that, with apologies to Mr. Williamson, is a voice to which we cannot afford to let them listen. ■

YEAH BABY!



Photo by Robin Wallace

Fraternity members welcome their new brothers at bid day.



The problems and the solutions are staring you in the face.

Volunteers of America

There are no limits to caring.

AAD **AAD**

Before Kenny could restore old

MOVIES.

for a living, someone had to help restore

KENNY.

An accident left Kenny Denton paralyzed below the waist. After intense therapy, Easter Seals turned Kenny's glimmer of hope into a bright new career. One in five Americans has a disability, and Easter Seals is there with expert help, hope and humanity. To learn more, call Easter Seals or visit www.easter-seals.org

Creating solutions. changing lives.

Guns Kill.

Hard slams are part of the job

Why play games with your health?

Jamie Thomas and Ed Templeton
Champion Street Skaters

Tonight, make it vegetarian

For more information, contact Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine
(202) 686-2210, ext. 300 • www.pcrm.org

Please join us for Sunday Worship at 11 a.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Miss home? Let us be your church family!

404 East Main Street • 893-2764

THE U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

EasySaver

PLAN

Saving Money Just Got Easier

www.easysaver.gov

Memo to: The MTSU Community
From: Vic Montgomery, Chair, General Studies Committee
Date: 9 September, 1999
Re: General Studies Mission Statement

The University Committee on General Studies, formed by President Walker at the beginning of Fall semester 1998, concluded its first academic year of work at the end of April this past Spring semester. Our work culminated in a draft of a Mission Statement for the General Studies Program at MTSU, which was distributed to the university community last April. At that time you were told that you would be hearing from us again in the Fall. Incredibly, that time is now.

The draft includes a proposed Mission Statement for the General Studies Program, as well as proposed general statements of methodology and structure for the program. The committee is asking for additional reactions and suggestions - in general, for any feedback about the proposal during the summer, but would like to give you another chance to respond. Please see the minutes of the committee meetings at our website <<http://www.mtsu.edu/~genstud>> of you would like to follow our discussions leading up to the distributed draft version of the Mission Statement.

If you do wish to send us your thoughts on the draft Mission Statement, please e-mail us at wbadley@mtsu.edu, or send campus mail to the General Studies Office at MTSU Box #78. We look forward to hearing from you!

General Studies Mission Statement: Draft

Mission Statement

The General Studies Program is at the core of Middle Tennessee State University's educational mission. It provides students with a broad, general background in the arts and sciences, as well as intellectual skills and affective competencies. The General Studies experience gives students opportunities to use various technologies to collect information, to judge competing claims of evidence and systems of thought and to make well-reasoned ethical, political, and personal decisions. The program assists students in developing the ability to reach an objective view and understanding of their world, its institutions, and of themselves. The university major is designed to provide students with an in-depth, detailed exploration of a discipline or to provide training for a career. In contrast, General Studies allows students to acquire the background knowledge and skills to enhance the major (reading, writing, thinking, perceiving, speaking, listening, and performing). The General Studies Program creates in students an awareness of the multifaceted and diverse world and encourages them to become active lifelong learners and participants in society.

The General Studies Program is a configuration of courses designed to link the cultural legacy of the past with the technological demands and global concerns of the contemporary world. The program fosters students' abilities to think independently and critically; to analyze and evaluate beliefs and attitudes, data and ideas, issues and values; to gather information through various methods of inquiry; to integrate and synthesize new ideas and information; to communicate effectively in a variety of contexts and media; to weigh options and make decisions based on rational, ethical, moral, and aesthetic considerations; and to integrate acquired knowledge and personal experience with historical, cultural, and contemporary perspectives in a changing and diverse society.

Assessment

Assessment is at the core of the General Studies Program. To increase accountability and maintain the integrity of the program, there will be on-going evaluation of the component courses and of the degree to which these courses fulfill the mission and standards that define the program. Such monitoring and oversight of the program will bridge the gap between the expectations that have been set for the students of Middle Tennessee State University and the skills, knowledge, and attitudes that those students have actually acquired. By these means, the General Studies Program is capable of evolving as a dynamic, coherent, meaningful, and contemporary reflection of the mission of the university.

Vision

General Studies will provide all students with the intellectual building blocks that will make it possible to find meaning in an ever-changing world. The general studies curriculum will be integrated throughout the typical four-year program and will not be confined strictly to the freshman and sophomore years. It will interface with all other components of the baccalaureate degree. It will both focus on the content of specific traditional liberal arts and sciences courses or subjects, and it will emphasize the methods of inquiry and the rigorous intellectual skills demanded by a variety of fields and the interdisciplinary nature of education. Such a program will emphasize the artistic dimension, multiculturalism, values, ethics, global issues, and the individual's responsibility as a citizen to the society of the present and to posterity.

We envision a general studies curriculum that introduces all students to both the traditional content of the liberal arts and sciences as well as to the methods of inquiry and the perspectives of newer academic fields, that helps students sharpen their critical and analytical skills and develop as informed independent thinkers, and that provides a capstone experience to enable the students to integrate and synthesize material from a variety of areas in the undergraduate educational experience. The ideal will occur when the student is able to connect learning from one subject to another and to discover the correlation that exists among all academic pursuits. To the degree that learning becomes less fragmented, the General Studies Program will be successful.



Think you ought to be in pictures?

Ford Model Search

Friday, September 17

Center Court • 6:30 p.m.

The Ford Model Agency's New Faces Director from New York will interview aspiring models for:

Children's Division (ages 5-12)

Men's Division (ages 13 and up) • Women's Division (ages 13 and up)

Bring a recent photograph and complete a short application. Applications are available at the mall office and Customer Service Desk.

Co-sponsored by Advantage Models & Talent

STONES RIVER

M A L L

1720 Old Fort Parkway • Information: 896-4486

Hours: Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sun. 12 - 6 p.m.



Great shopping. Only better.

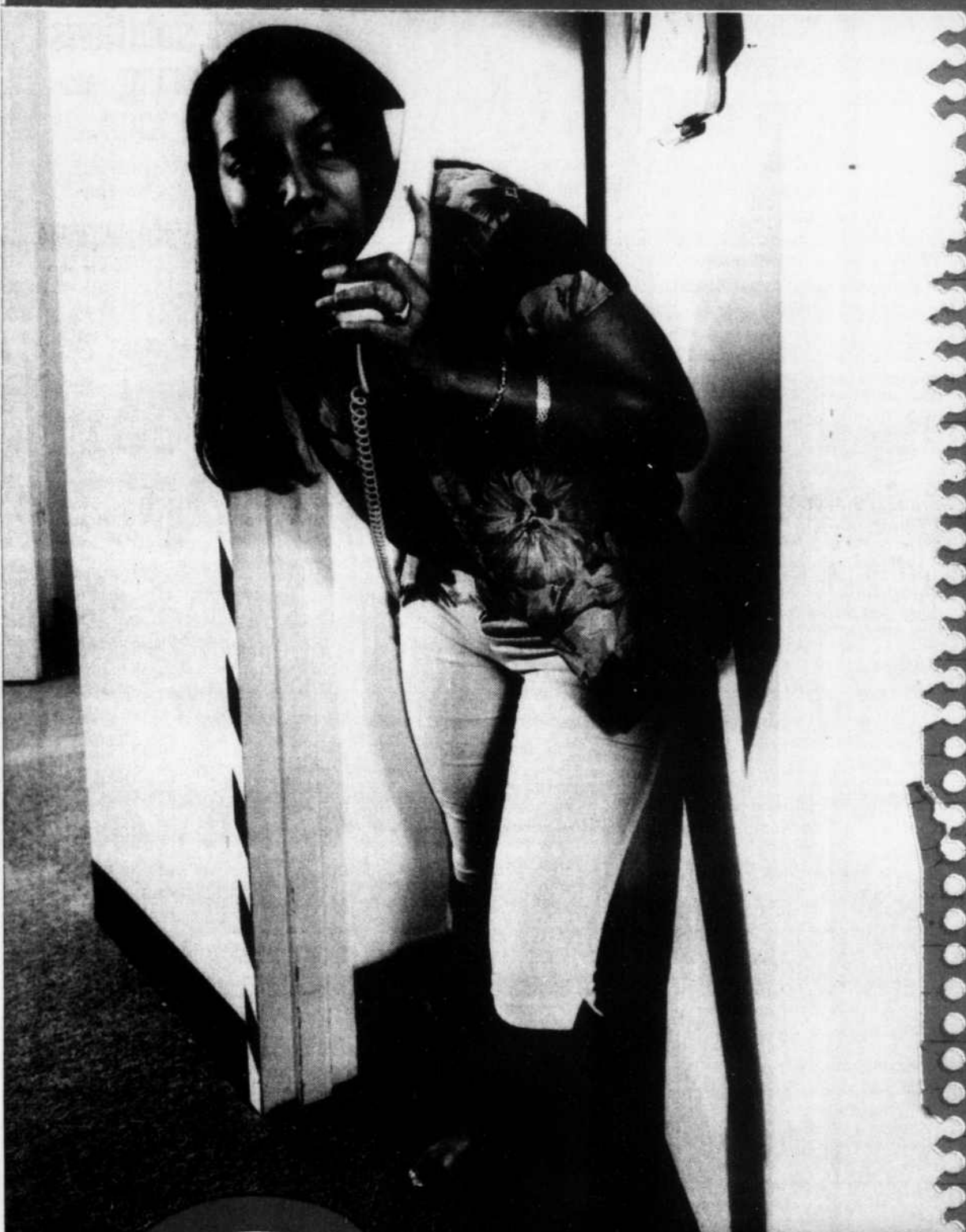
Recycling your Underwear.

Savings - 2 hours in the laundry room



"Phone Next Door" Calling Plan.

Savings - \$41 if you don't get caught



There's a better way
to save time & money



varsitybooks.com

Your Online College Bookstore

**Save up to 40% on new textbooks.
Get them in 1-3 business days. Guaranteed.***

*Books delivered in no more than three business days or your shipping is refunded. Some restrictions apply. See www.varsitybooks.com for details.



6B ■ SIDELINES

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1999

SPORTS

Murfreesboro, TN

MTSU demolished in I-A opener

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

Middle Tennessee State University left Starkville with a 40-7 loss to Mississippi State in its first I-A game.

"No doubt we were excited," head coach Andy McCollum said. "[MTSU] came out ready to play."

The game was highly touted around the mid-state. All of the radio talk shows in the area were buzzing about the Raiders and their game first game against the Bulldogs.

"I didn't really think it was that big of a deal," MTSU quarterback Wes Counts said. "A football game is a football game."

The Bulldogs marched down the field thanks to quarterback Wayne Madkin and his flawless passing. After completing three straight attempts, the MSU drive stalled at the MTSU 30 yard line where the Bulldogs kicker, Scott Westerfield, had his 48 yard attempt blocked by Terrance King.

The Blue Raiders gained possession at its own 31 yard line. Wes Counts began the drive with a completed pass to Jermaine Francis for seven yards. Counts completed all five passes on the drive.

However, the drive stalled and David Lill punted for the first time.

After the Bulldogs started from their own 20, they moved the ball to the MTSU 38 where Terrance King came up big again with the sack of Madkin.

The Bulldog drive stalled and Matt Wyatt punted to the MTSU eight yard line.

The Raiders were backed up

deep in Bulldog territory. Hansford Johnson made a phenomenal catch to move the ball to the MTSU 24, but MTSU defensive lineman Conner Stephens intercepted the next pass at the MTSU 27-yard line.

29 seconds into the second quarter the Bulldogs were on the board 7-0. MSU tailback Dontae Walker scored the games first touchdown from eight yards out.

After a first quarter of success, the turnovers and lack of depth for

three plays. The offense was on the field only one minute and 34 seconds before the Raider defense once again was forced to put out the fire.

"We played hard as a unit, but we're not good enough to turn the

drive from their own 20. Counts hit Tyrone Calico for nine yards. However, thanks to minus-9 yards rushing and a five yard false start penalty, MTSU was forced to punt from its own 19.

The Raider defense once again

and that confused us," Hall said. "I missed a block and he hit Wes from the back."

The defense was once again called on to slay a giant. This time, however, the Bulldogs stuffed the ball into the end zone for a touchdown. The drive lasted just over a minute and spanned 36 yards, putting the Bulldogs up 23-0. MSU failed to succeed with the two-point conversion.

In the second half, Scott Westerfield connected on a 35 yard field goal to put the Bulldogs up 26-0.

MTSU's next possession ended with a blocked punt, which was downed by MSU at the MTSU 48.

Dontae Walker coughed the ball up on the next play, and MTSU was redeemed. On the first play, Counts found Calico again for 25 yards. Two plays later, Counts hit Calico again. The reception went for 27 yards, putting MTSU at the MSU 1-yard line.

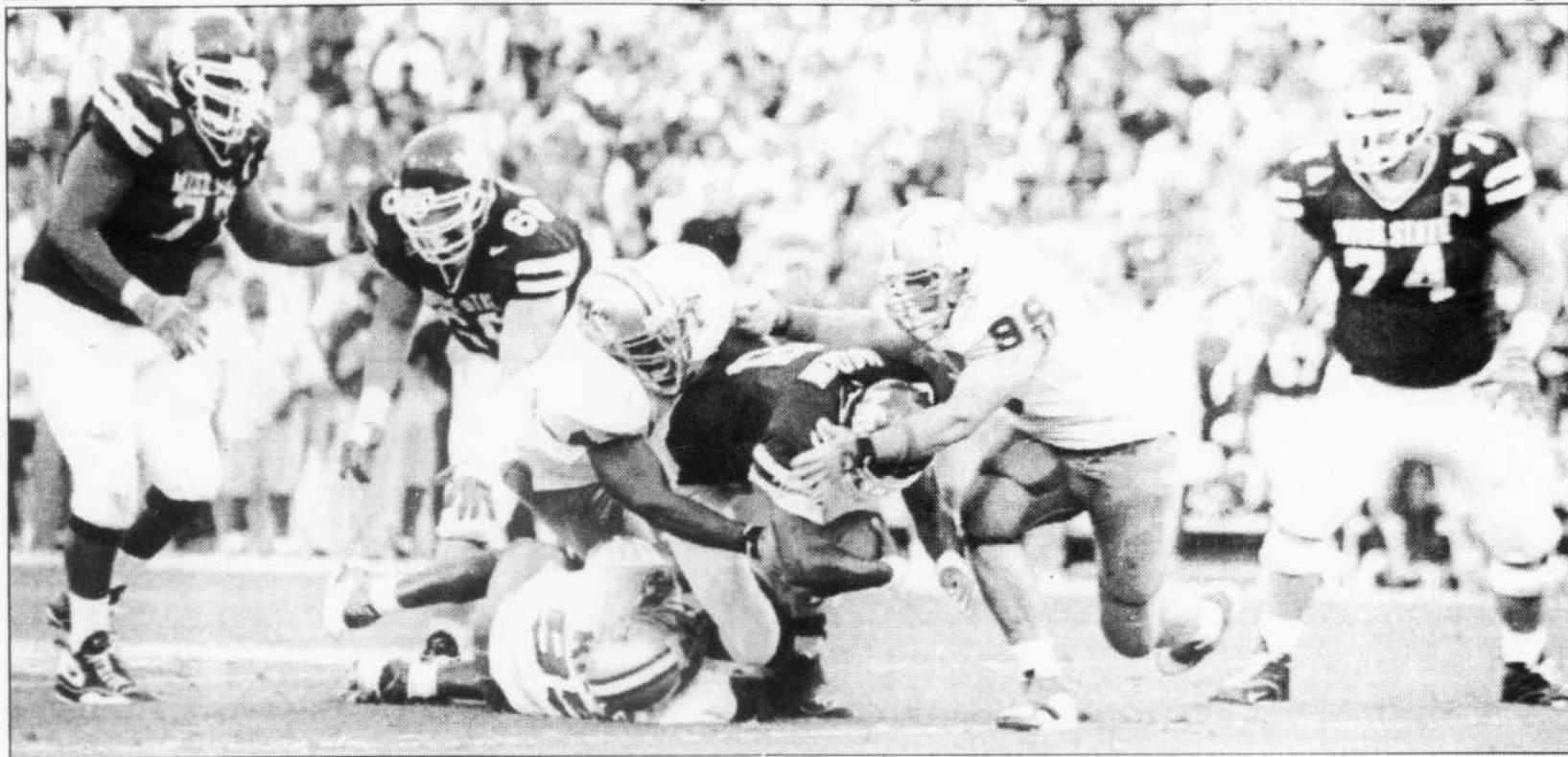
Wait a minute. There were flags on the play. The officials called offensive pass interference. That would be the defining moment of the day for the Blue Raiders and it would break the Raiders back.

"Their defensive line had a lot of depth," Counts said. "We're not used to that type size."

The Bulldogs went on to score two more touchdowns and run the score to 40-0 before Wes Counts hooked up with Hansford Johnson for the first touchdown in the new MTSU era.

The final score showed MSU 40 and MTSU 7.

"We were still fighting at the end," McCollum said.



Shawn Young sacks Mississippi State quarterback Wayne Madkin.

Photo By Derrick Wilson

After two MSU plays, the quarter closed but the Bulldogs were threatening. The Raiders played well early and held the Bulldogs scoreless in the first quarter.

"We had some positives. We moved the ball early and kept them off balance," Counts said.

The turnover immediately hurt the Raiders. Only two minutes and

the Blue Raiders began to reap havoc. MTSU was forced to punt on its next drive after moving the ball only 4 yards. MSU took the ball from its own 39 yard line and marched 21 yards on eight plays where Westerfield connected on a 51 yard field goal.

With the Bulldogs leading 10-0, the Raiders gained possession but were again forced to punt after only

ball over three or four times and win," Barry Hall said. "We put our defense in bad shape."

On the very next play from the MTSU 42, Madkin completed a swing pass to Bulldog fullback Justin Griffith. Griffith burned the Raider defense down the sidelines for a 58 yard touchdown pass. The Bulldogs were beginning to roll.

The Raiders started the next

put the Bulldogs in a tough spot. The MTSU defensive line dominated the Bulldogs offensive line and even forced a holding penalty. MSU went three plays and out.

Unfortunately, Wes Counts was hit two plays later and he fumbled. MSU took over with impeccable field position at the MTSU 36.

"They blitzed from the corners

Next up for MTSU: Arizona

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

After losing to Penn State 41-7 and beating the lowly Texas Christian University Horned Frogs by three, the Arizona Wildcats are one unhappy football team. Unfortunately for MTSU, the Raiders are next on the Wildcats schedule.

UA may be thinking the same thing that Ivan Drago told Sylvester Stallone in Rocky IV, "I must break you."

Although Arizona is not as dominating as their synchronized swimming team was in the early 1980's when they won three national titles, MTSU will still have their hands full with the Wildcats.

Quarterbacks: The Wildcats go with a combination of signal callers. Keith Smith, who could probably start for 90 percent of the teams in America, will probably play about half the game giving way to Ortege Jenkins.

Smith is a better drop back passer but is not the runner or scrambler that Jenkins is. Smith set the Pacific-10 passing efficiency record with a rating of 174.17.

MTSU will counter with Wes Counts. Against Mississippi State, Counts was 21-36 and threw for over 180 yards. However, Counts may have trouble seeing the smaller receivers for MTSU when they go deep. Most of Counts completions were in the flat or in the backfield. Against the Bulldogs that worked for a while until they realized that he was having trouble.

Runningbacks: Trung Canidate, what more needs to be said. Canidate rushed for 1,220 yards last year with a gaudy 7.3 yards per carry average. MTSU will have to contain him or it will be a long day for the Raiders.

During his career he has scored 15 touchdowns. On those 15 runs, Canidate has averaged 51.7 yards per carry. That's not all. He rushed for 288 yards against Arizona State last year.

MTSU boasts over four very capable backs. However, they must do better than 34 yards on 31 carries against the Wildcats. Kolverick Green got the start against the Bulldogs and rushed

14 times for 22 yards. Tony Wesley carried the ball five times for 22 yards.

The Raiders have to run the football effectively so that Wes Counts won't have the same pressure that he did on Saturday. Thirty-four yards rushing against Arizona will tack another loss on MTSU's record.

Receivers: Another dazzling athlete for Arizona is wide receiver Dennis Northcutt. Northcutt is a phenomenal athlete. He caught 63 passes for 922 yards and six touchdowns last year. He is also a very skilled punt returner as well.



Brad Brennan and Malosi Leonard give Northcutt nice backups when he's not open.

The wide receiver position could be the most talented group on the MTSU team. Tyrone Calico, Hansford Johnson, Kendall Newson and Rashaad Craft are a very good unit. These four receivers will be on the field at the same time quite often in the Raiders new wide open offense. This presents a mind boggling problem for opposing defenses.

Offensive line: Arizona does not have the line that Mississippi State had, and MTSU more than held their own early in that game. The Wildcats line includes Makoa Freitas (6-4 270), left guard Steven Grace (6-2 271), returning starter at center Bruce Wiggins (6-3 275), right guard Marques McFadden (6-4 316) and finally right tackle Manuia Savea (6-2 296).

The Raiders offensive line remains the same except for Gil Matias, who suffered an injury in the first game of the year. MTSU should be able to move the Arizona defensive line off the line of scrimmage.

defensive line: The Wildcats defensive line is small. No player listed is bigger than 287 pounds. At defensive end, Mike Robertson

starts. Robertson is 6 feet two inches tall and weighs 225 pounds. Defensive tackle Keoni Fraser stands only 6 feet tall, but weighs 287 pounds. His side kick, Anthony Thomas, tips the scales at 282 pounds and stands 6 feet one inch. Finishing off the defensive line is Joe Tafoya. Tafoya is 6 feet four inches but only weighs 255 and will probably have to get by Barry Hall of MTSU.

The Raiders, however, have a good fast offensive line. Led by Terrance King, MTSU should be able to put pressure on the Arizona quarterbacks. King made one sack and partially blocked a punt in last Saturday's game. Martez Phelps and King combined for ten tackles last week.

linebackers: This is the strongest area for Arizona. Two of the three linebackers return and both were All PAC-10 last year. Marcus Bell and Dashon Polk are the outside line backers in the Arizona 4-3 set.

Bell led the PAC-10 in tackles with 139. This group helped Arizona to the 12th best run defense in the nation.

MTSU has a good linebacking corp as well. Keith Pauldo leads the team in tackles so far after one game. He made 11 total stops last week. He also led the Raiders in tackles last year. Kenta Sadler, Eugene Shaw, Isaiah Brown and Marcus Harvey round out the linebacking corp. The unit combined for 24 tackles against Mississippi State.

secondary: Chris McAlister has gone to the NFL. That's good news for MTSU. The bad news is that Arizona returns three starters. Kelvin Hunter is at cornerback while Rafell Jones is at free safety where he has started for the past two years.

At strong safety is Greg Payne. Payne is projected to start at safety but is athletic enough to play any position in the secondary. The final starter at conerback is Leland Gayles. Gayles beat out Hunter for a starting cornerback slot last year but suffered a season ending injury. However, he is likely to start at corner Saturday.

MTSU has a respectable secondary. Jykine Bradley starts at left corner where intercepted

See ARIZONA, page 8B

Best golf team in 10 years, says coach Johnny Moore

Stephen Heiman
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raiders will come into the 1999-2000 golf season loaded with talent and numerous weapons that have eluded men's teams of the past.

"I've been head coach of the MTSU Blue Raiders men's golf team for 10 years now, and this is the best team on paper I have ever had," head coach Johnny Moore said.

The two biggest reasons why the men's golf team has its hopes set on a record breaking year is its experience and record breaking talent. Returning seniors Brett Alexander, Richard Spangler and Whit Turnbow will not only add nine years of college experience, but they will be looking to break records themselves.

Alexander has been the OVC player of the year the last two years and has his hopes set on his third player of the year honor. However, Spangler and Turnbow are capable of taking that honor away from Alexander.

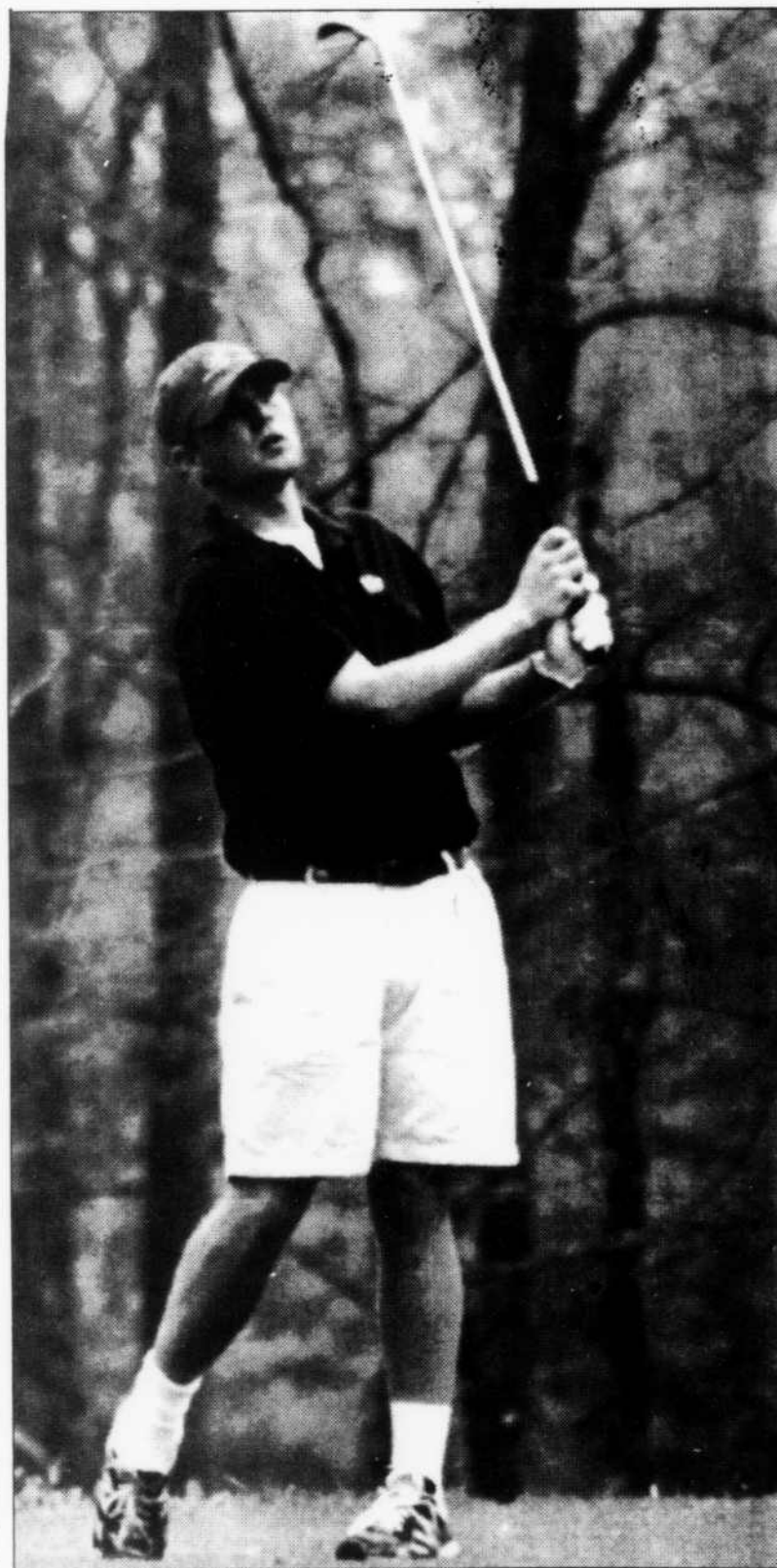
All three seniors provide leadership and solid scores that give the younger members of the team something to shoot for.

The Blue Raiders have four members to add to their roster this year: junior Matt McWilliams, a transfer from the University of Tennessee; sophomore Hunter Ingram, a transfer from the University of Memphis; and freshmen Justin Miers and Patrick Williams will all hope to show their talent throughout the year.

"My mental game is by far the most improved aspect of my play since last year," McWilliams said. "I feel this has greatly improved the way I play my game."

Miers, who is a former Tennessee Junior State Amateur winner, will not only add talent with his lengthy drives and pin point accuracy on his long irons, he will also be able to add experience as a freshman.

"My personal goal is to get well adjusted to school, and to play the competitive golf I know I am capable of playing," Miers said.



Staff Photo

Senior Whit Turnbow launches a shot.

Coach Moore believes that both transfers and freshmen will add a great deal to the golf team as a whole.

"With hard work and patience,

I have no doubt that Patrick and Justin can establish two great careers at MTSU over the next

See GOLF, page 9B

Young People Increasingly Pessimistic About Finding Lasting Marriage, Study Says

Kathryn Rott
Rutgers University

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (TMS) — With the country's divorce rate at nearly 50 percent, Americans have just as good a chance of winning coin tosses as they do of having successful marriages.

As a result, young people's confidence in marriage is declining, according to the Rutgers National Marriage Project. The project released its findings this summer in "The State of Our Unions: The Social Health of Marriage in America," a study of marriage trends over the past 40 years.

"Young people today want successful marriages, but they are increasingly anxious and pessimistic about their chances for achieving that goal," said the project's co-director, Barbara Dafoe Whitehead.

Young women in particular are approaching marriage on wobbly legs. Their confidence in their ability to have successful marriages has declined in recent years, according to surveys. The number of high school girls who expect marriage to last a lifetime has declined, while high school boys have become slightly more optimistic.

With people waiting to get married until later in life, marriage is no longer a rite of passage into adulthood for many. Rutgers researchers found the wedding night is far less likely to coincide with a woman's "first time (having sex), and chances are marriage will not be her first experience living with her partner," the study found.

According to the study, about a quarter of unmarried women between the ages of 25 and 39 are currently living with unmarried partners, and about half lived with unmarried partners at some time.

Fewer people are getting married than in the past, putting marriage rates at a 40-year low. In 1960, 94 percent of women had been married at least once by age 45. If the trend continues, fewer than 85 percent of current young adults will marry, according to the study.

Edward Warnicke, a graduate student at Rutgers University, said he sees marriage as being impractical.

"If you are a young couple making a large combined income, you have to ask yourself whether it's worth \$10,000 to \$20,000 in extra taxes for the privilege of calling yourself man and wife," Warnicke said.

"Unless you're completely insane or have strong religious sentiments, it isn't worth the money."

Researchers concluded that young people are shying away from marriage largely because so many of them are from households affected by divorce and want to avoid repeating their parents' mistakes.

That makes sense to Rutgers junior Paul Nichols.

"I don't think people take marriage as seriously anymore," Nichols said.

"Most of the marriages in my extended family have ended in divorce. I've never had a model of a working marriage to pattern myself after."

Rutgers College junior Chuck Karczag also said he thinks marriage is taken too lightly.

"The sanctity of marriage is a joke nowadays because the escape hatch, i.e. divorce, is open too wide," he said. "The prenups are more important than the vows."

The project's findings were not all so grim for wedlock hopefuls. According to the study, the increased importance of marriage to teenagers shows it is possible young people will work hard at staying happily married. ■

Channel 9 Programming Week of September 12-18

Time	12-Sep Sunday	13-Sep Monday	14-Sep Tuesday	15-Sep Wednesday	16-Sep Thursday	17-Sep Friday	18-Sep Saturday
6:30 AM	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins
7:00 AM	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico	Mexico
7:30 AM	France	France	France	France	France	France	France
8:00 AM	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	Spain	K-12 Students	Spain
8:30 AM	Sweden	Israel	Israel	Israel	Israel	K-12 Students	Estonia
9:00 AM	Turkey	Sociological Imagination	Communicating Through Literature	Sociological Imagination	Communicating Through Literature	Israel	Poland
9:30 AM	Turkey	Sociological Imagination	Communicating Through Literature	Sociological Imagination	Communicating Through Literature	Lithuania	Poland
10:00 AM	Taiwan	Growing Old in a New Age	Living With Health	Growing Old in a New Age	Living With Health	Turkey	Taiwan
10:30 AM	Romania	Growing Old in a New Age	Living With Health	Growing Old in a New Age	Living With Health	Dubai, UAE	Romania
11:00 AM	South Africa	Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan	Japan	Czech
11:30 AM	South Africa	Basque	Basque	Basque	Basque	Basque	Dubai
12:00 PM	Dubai	SCOLA Schedule	SCOLA Schedule	SCOLA Schedule	SCOLA Schedule	SCOLA Schedule	SCOLA Schedule
12:30 PM	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins
1:00 PM	China	Russia	Russia	Russia	Russia	Russia	China
1:30 PM	China	Sweden	Estonia	Sweden	Estonia	Sweden	China
2:00 PM	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany
2:30 PM	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	Germany	Lithuania
3:00 PM	Israel	Portrait of a Family	Literary Visions	Portrait of a Family	Literary Visions	Latvia	Galicia
3:30 PM	Armenia	Portrait of a Family	Literary Visions	Portrait of a Family	Literary Visions	Argentina	China
4:00 PM	Basque	K-12 Teachers	Nutrition Pathways	K-12 Teachers	Nutrition Pathways	K-12 Teachers	China
4:30 PM	Poland	K-12 Teachers	Nutrition Pathways	K-12 Teachers	Nutrition Pathways	K-12 Teachers	Hungary
5:00 PM	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins	MTSU Bulletins
5:30 PM	Inside Academia	Recollections	MTScene	Recollections	MTScene	Recollections	Iceland
6:00 PM	France	Recollections	Andy McCollum Show	Recollections	Andy McCollum Show	Recollections	Iceland
6:30 PM	Italy	Quebec	Quebec	Quebec	Quebec	Quebec	Catalunya
7:00 PM	Croatia	Sociological Imagination	Communicating Through Literature	Sociological Imagination	Communicating Through Literature	NASA	Croatia
7:30 PM	Croatia	Sociological Imagination	Communicating Through Literature	Sociological Imagination	Communicating Through Literature	NASA	Croatia
8:00 PM	Hungary	Growing Old in a New Age	Living With Health	Growing Old in a New Age	Living With Health	NASA	Italy
8:30 PM	Hungary	Growing Old in a New Age	Living With Health	Growing Old in a New Age	Living With Health	NASA	France
9:00 PM	Iceland	Portrait of a Family	Literary Visions	Portrait of a Family	Literary Visions	NASA	Quebec
9:30 PM	Finland	Portrait of a Family	Literary Visions	Portrait of a Family	Literary Visions	NASA	Basque
10:00 PM	Korea	Andy McCollum Show	Nutrition Pathways	Andy McCollum Show	Nutrition Pathways	Andy McCollum Show	Korea
10:30 PM	Quebec	Inside Academia	Nutrition Pathways	Inside Academia	Nutrition Pathways	Inside Academia	Jordan
11:00 PM	Greece	France	France	France	France	France	Greece
11:30 PM	Greece	Italy	Italy	Italy	Italy	Italy	Greece

Hi!

Watch for us!!

Special Events



KUC Theater
Thursday - Sept. 9 - 7 & 9:30pm
Last showings tonight!! Only \$2.00!!

September 13/14/15
Mon/Tues/Wed/Thu 7 & 9:30 pm
Admission only \$2.00



Music on

The Knoll

Ben Houston & Co.

Friday, Sept. 10, 3 p.m.
KUC Courtyard
FREE & OPEN



2-SKINNEE-J'S

Coming: Friday, Sept. 17

Visit our website:
www.mtsu.edu/~specevnt



Your creativity, your determination, and your patience will face more tests than your students.

PEACE CORPS

How far are you willing to go to make a difference?

www.peacecorps.gov • 1-800-424-8580

SPECIAL MTSU MONTHLY SERVICE RATE

- ✓ No Contract
- ✓ Unlimited Pages
- ✓ No Credit Checks
- ✓ Competitor's Pagers Activated Free!



- ✓ Pagers starting at \$19.95
- ✓ Pager Repair and Tuning While You Wait
- ✓ We Pay CASH For Used Pagers

\$46.11 Per Mo.

GEORGETOWN SQUARE
W. Northfield at Broad St.
Murfreesboro, TN 37139-1909

SMYRNA VILLAGE
575 S. LOWRY ST.
SMYRNA, TN 37169-0689

*Special rate applies to local service and requires current MTSU student ID. \$10 activation fee applies. Other restrictions may apply. Picture for illustration only.

Cellular Connection

WHITE PERMIT PARKING ONLY AT BAGGED METERS

MTS PARKING FOR DECAL COLOR

NO STUDENT PARKING IN THIS AREA

RESERVED AT ALL HOURS FOR THE RESIDENT

TOW AWAY ZONE

NO PARKING FIRE LANE

TOW - AWAY ZONE

Still think catching the bus is a hassle?

Think about it. All that time you spend circling the parking lot, you could be reading. Having coffee with friends. Studying. Even sleeping! ♦ Ride the R&R, and say good-bye to parking lot headaches. Not to mention traffic jams, construction, and winter road conditions. ♦ R&R. Think of it as... a sign from above.

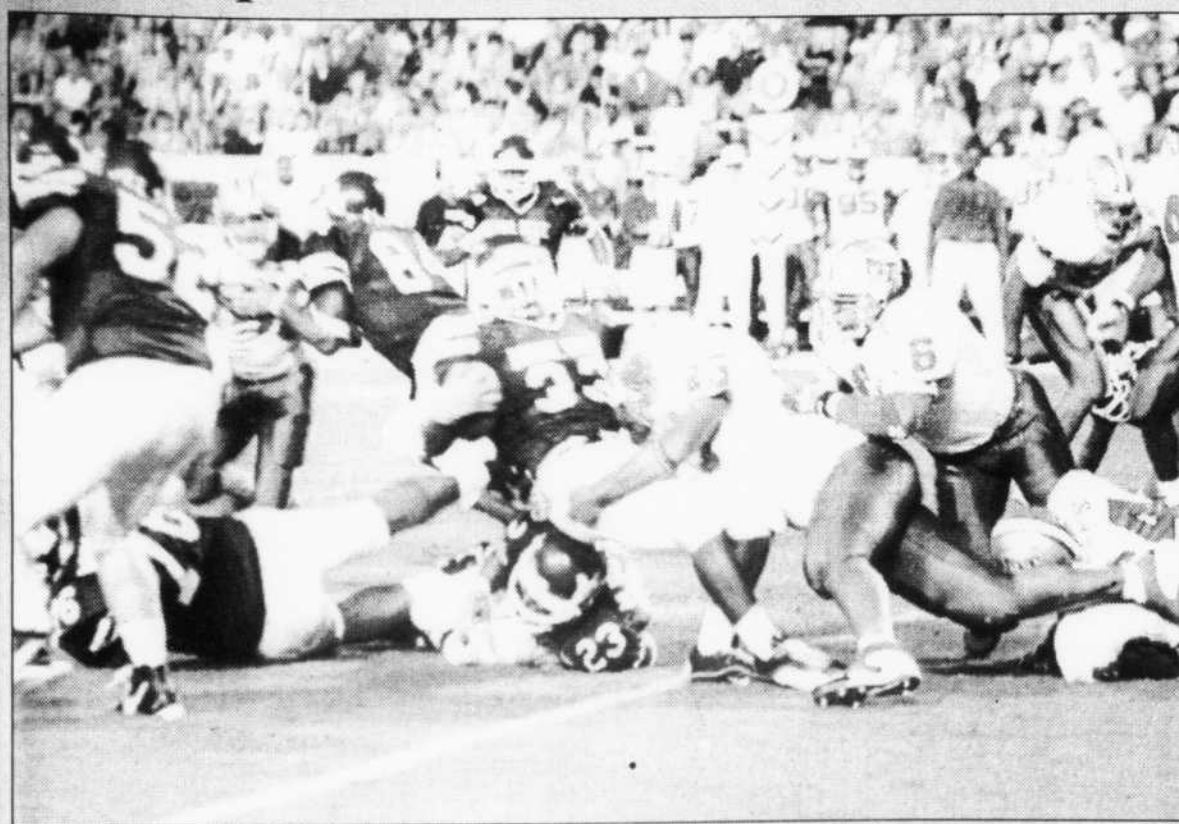
CALL TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION AND OUR NEW SCHEDULE.



Weekday bus service between downtown Nashville and Murfreesboro, Smyrna, LaVergne and MTSU
Only \$1 each way with pre-purchased tickets. Additional bus service beyond downtown available.

862-8833
www.rta-ride.org

MTSU opens I-A in Starkville



Rod Gibson runs into Keith Pauldo Saturday.

Photo By Derrick Wilson

Pregnant? Find Out For Sure

Call us at 893-0228 or
24-Hour Information Line at 221-0627

**ALL SERVICES FREE
AND CONFIDENTIAL**

106 East College Street • Murfreesboro, TN 37132
E-mail us at www.boropregnancy.org



ARIZONA

continued from page 1

one pass and made 4 tackles last week. At strong safety is Chris Johnson. Johnson also had an interception last week and four tackles.

Mario Kelso is the free safety and Jermaine Francis is starting at right corner. Francis and Kelso combined for 17 tackles against Mississippi State, not including Francis's fumble recovery. ■

Alexander is great on the green

Sean P. O'Toole
Staff Reporter

It's called pressure. Some crack under it, while others thrive. Golf is probably the worst day-in, day-out pressure cooker of any sport. But amazingly, Brett Alexander doesn't even feel it.

You would think that as the two-time OVC player of the year, he would at least feel some pressure. But if MTSU doesn't win, he doesn't win. Period.

"I don't feel any pressure," Alexander said. "All I care about is the team."

Before MTSU, he tore up the high school circuit playing for his father Larry at Richland High School in Missouri, winning the Class AA State Championship in 1995 and finishing second in 1996. He also finished in the top five of three AJGA events during the summer of 1996, including a third-place finish at the Future Masters in Dothan, Alabama.

But he still had bigger fish to fry. In his first year at MTSU, he burst onto the scene in "Tiger"-like fashion, tying for second in his very first collegiate tournament at the Mizuno/Peach State Invitational. He was also low-man for the Raiders in three of the eleven tournaments. As a freshman, he was nothing short of spectacular, earning a medal at the Spring Panther Intercollegiate, shooting a final-round 68, and going 3-3 against the top 20 players.

The following year, Alexander

equaled his career low with a 68, not once but twice, in the OVC Championship, giving him a 208 in his medal-winning effort at the Championship at Springhouse Golf

tied for the lead after a first-round 69, but faltered on day two, finishing one shot out of second and tied with two others for the third spot.



Staff Photo

Brett Alexander on the links.

Club, the lowest total since the tournament was moved there. He ended his sophomore year with six top-ten finishes.

Last year, he surpassed even himself, shooting his new career low of 67 at the Gary Koch/Cleveland Intercollegiate. He ended the year with a sick scoring average of 69.3, and was tenth nationally in total short game.

And that brings us to the present. Alexander narrowly missed being the first player in MTSU history to qualify for the U.S. Amateur, after shooting a disappointing 74 in the second and final round of qualifying at the Geneva Country Club in Muscatine, I-A. Alexander was

not. ■

Alexander pressed on, winning the first alternate slot with a chip shot from 20 yards away off the green on the third hole.

"I made a pretty good chip to win the alternate spot, but I should have never been in that situation," Alexander said. "I played great the first day, then played terrible the next. You have to be consistent to win and I wasn't, but I think my chances are good to be selected later this month."

It was deja vu for Alexander,

who had missed qualifying the year before by one stroke also. But yet again, Alexander has bigger fish to fry. This team may be MTSU's deepest yet, and with tough challenges against Memphis and LSU this fall and Southern Mississippi, and Alabama in the spring, this MTSU team may set the precedent for the future.

"I'm really excited," Alexander said. "On paper, it's the best team we have ever had here, but we still have to go out there and win the tournaments ourselves. The LSU tourney in November and the Alabama tourney in March are scary, but if we play well, we have a chance."

Win or lose for MTSU, one thing is for sure. Brett Alexander will be remembered 20 years from now as the greatest golf legend of MTSU. Whether he wants to be or not. ■

MTSU CAMPUS RECREATION rafting trip



Raft the Ocoee River, Tennessee

September 11, 19 and October 9

MTSU Students/Faculty/Staff only

Cost: \$20

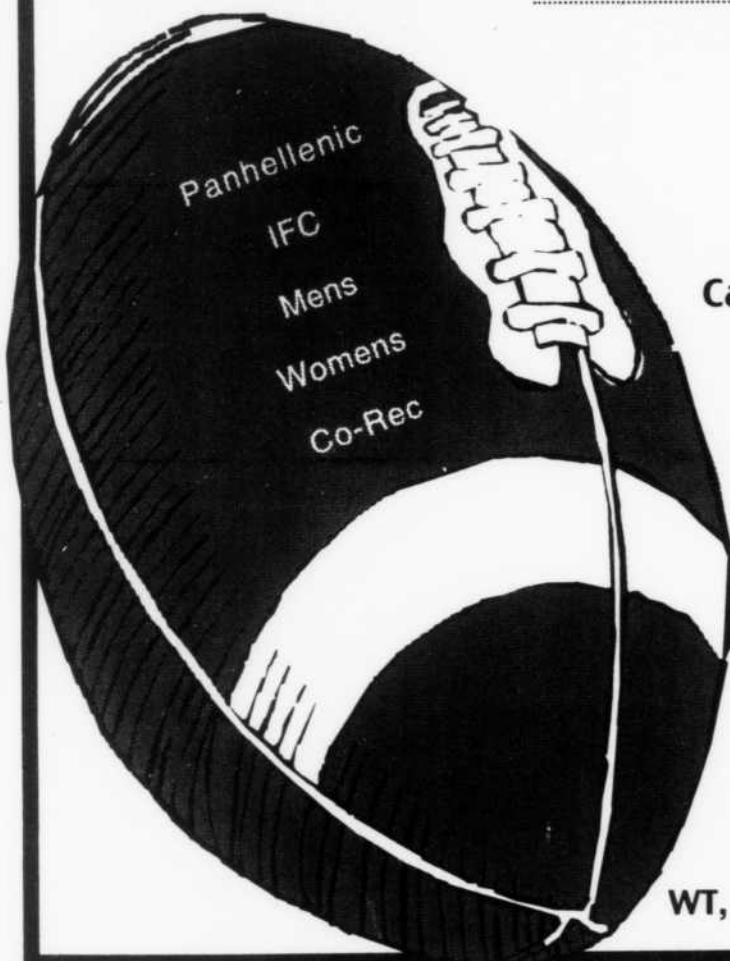
Limit: 18

Sign up now at the Recreation Center to reserve your spot.



For more information contact Campus Recreation at 898-2104.

MTSU CAMPUS RECREATION INTRAMURAL FLAG FOOTBALL



Registration:
Aug 23-Sept. 8

Captains Meeting:
Sept. 9@ 5:00 p.m.
Campus Recreation Office

Play Begins:
Sept. 13

Officials Training:
Sept. 2, 6-9pm
Sept. 12, 1-8pm
Campus Recreation
Office

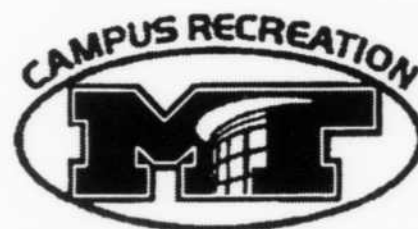
For More
Information Contact:
WT, Chris or Mark @ 898-2104

Intramural Sports needs officials for the upcoming flag football season.

Flag Football Official's Clinic: Sept. 2 from 6-9 and Sept. 12 from 1-8 in the Campus Recreation Office

Cesar Wood (All American Official)
from University of North Texas
coordinating training on the 12th.

No experience is necessary.



If interested, please contact Chris at 898-2104.



EARN EXTRA MONEY A FEW NIGHTS A WEEK!!

Lady Raiders volleyball wins Middle Tennessee Invitational

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee women's volleyball team defeated the University of Evansville 3-1 (15-6, 4-15, 15-12, 15-4) to win the Middle Tennessee Invitational.

Evansville finished second, tying Middle Tennessee's 3-1 tournament record, and LaSalle finished third posting 2 wins and 2 losses. College of Charleston finished fourth and North Carolina-Ashville finished fifth, both with a record of 1-3 with Charleston defeating UNCA to break the tie.

The Lady Raiders saved their best for last, taking on Evansville in the deciding game. Tournament MVP Kelly Smith finished with nine kills and seven digs, but most impressive were the four block

assists and four solo blocks, three consecutive to help decide the final game. Smith finished as the tournament block leader with eight solo's and 13 assisted.

"It was a great weekend," Smith said. "We made some changes in our rotation, we had nothing to lose and we never gave up."

Freshman Erin Hillstrom finished with a team high 13 kills against Evansville and earned a place on the All-Tournament Team.

Freshman Kelly Quinn finished with 26 assists against Evansville and led the tournament with 161, averaging 10.06 per game.

"I was very pleased with everything and am so proud of them," MTSU head coach Lisa Kisse said. "We made some adjustments throughout. today we stayed aggressive and the kids

responded so well. It was great to have the kind of depth and versatility they showed today and it's the reason we won."

Middle Tennessee defeated North Carolina-Ashville in their first match of the day, 3-0 (15-8, 15-8, 15-7). Kelly Smith and Lindsay Pritchard each finished with a team-high 12 kills, while Hillstrom finished with ten kills and a team high 19 digs. Kelly Quinn quarterbacked the team with 45 assists and two service aces.

Rounding out the All-Tournament Team were Julie Groves and Ladi Iya from Evansville, Melissa Hodge from LaSalle, Chandra Hicks from North Carolina-Ashville and Stephanie Ballard from Charleston. ■

Soccer team 2-0 for first time ever

Staff Reports

The first just keep piling up for the Middle Tennessee soccer team.

A 3-1 win over the University of Louisiana-Monroe (formerly Northeast Louisiana) gave the team its second win of the season and its best-ever start.

The game started harmlessly enough with both teams unable to capitalize on opportunities in front of the net. Finally, with less than eight minutes remaining in the first half, freshman Sheri Robbins sailed a ball into the net past Indian goalie Tori Watson to give her team a 1-0 lead at the

intermission.

Hailee Walsh turned the tide for the Blue Raiders in the second half. Walsh scored two goals nearly 20 minutes apart, giving her team a 3-0 lead with 28 minutes left in the game.

At that point, the game turned physical with tempers on both sides getting heated. In fact, goalie Jennifer Robb and forward Allison Schultz left the game with injuries resulting from contact with Indian players. Both players, however, would return to the contest and don't appear to be in danger of missing the next game.

"Whenever you play a physical

team then you just have to play physical yourself," Walsh said. "This team is not going to step down from anybody. We responded with physical play of our own and we showed a lot of heart today."

Head Coach Collette Gilligan is pleased with her team's effort thus far, but she indicated that the team still has much work and improvement left ahead.

"We played hard, but we still are seeing some things we need to work on, especially on defense. We played better today than we did last week, but we let them have too many opportunities in front of our net." ■

tournament," coach Moore stated. "All six rounds will be played at Old Fort Country Club, Indian Hills Golf Club and Stones River Golf Club. I will give a certain number of points for first place, second place, and so on in each of the 54 hole tournaments. After both qualifiers are completed, the top four point receivers will make the tournament squad. I will then pick a fifth man to complete the roster."

So what is the ultimate goal of

the 1999-2000 MTSU men's golf team?

"The long term goal of this team is to win the OVC championship at the end of the year," coach Moore said. "The OVC champions get an automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals."

Full practice for the team begins next week. The first scheduled tournament for the Blue Raiders is set for September 27-28 in Eatonton, Georgia. ■

GOLF

continued from page 6B

four years. They will learn a lot from the seniors this year and can hopefully use that to their advantage."

As of right now, the tournament roster is not set. Future tournaments will decide who makes the tournament squad.

"We will have two 54 hole qualifiers that will decide who plays and who stays in our first

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

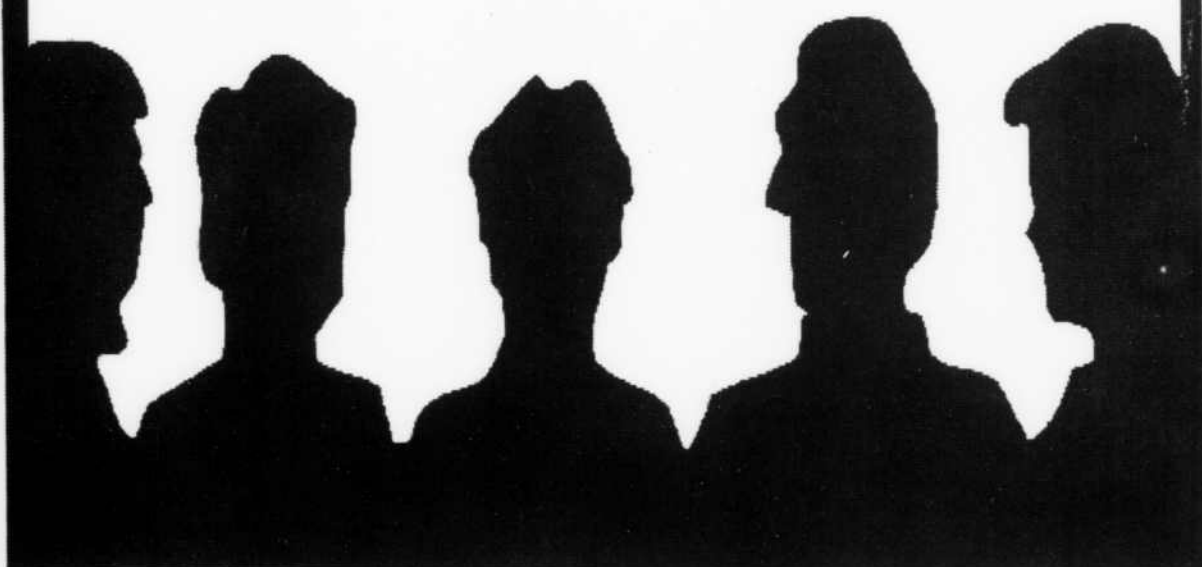


The deadline to apply for student activity fee funds is Friday, September 17th

--Applications for funds are available in KUC130

* In order to be eligible for funds you MUST attend one of the Student Organization Orientation session.

For further information call 898-2808.



Classifieds

Notice

Sidelines recommends that you use discretion before sending money for any advertised goods and services. We recommend that you get in writing a full description prior to sending money.

Employment

Need a job on campus? Great company looking for great employees to work with special adult students. Better than competitive pay. Flexible hours. Great job satisfaction. Call Lucy for more details 848-0114

SPRING BREAK 2000 with STS - Join America's #1 Student Tour Operator to Jamaica, Mexico, Bahamas, Cruises, and Florida. Now hiring on-campus reps. Call 1-800-648-4849 or visit online @ www.ststravel.com.

Telemarketing position, full or part-time, local const software distributor. Call 252-6100 Ask for Rick or Mert

Management Recruiters International, World's largest professional search firm, hiring project staff. Telephone-intensive, demanding, challenging work for aspiring executives, 10-20 hrs/wk. Flexible schedule and training provided. \$8.50/hr + bonus. Apply @ <http://www.mrsearch.com>

\$\$ Manage A Business On Your Campus \$\$ Varsity.com an Internet note taking company is looking for an entrepreneurial student to run our business on your campus. Manage students, make tons of money, excellent opportunity! Apply online at www.varsity.com, contact Jobs@varsity.com or call (734) 483-1600 ext. 888.

Wanted: Child care for 7 year old girl. M-W-TH 3:30-5:30 near MTSU. Must have transportation. Experience and references required. 896-2157, 347-3595.

WANTED: Cheerleading, Tumbling, Dance, and Baton teachers. Good Pay. Must have transportation. 896-4683, 347-3595.

* Study, Work and Play on Campus *
Like being Outside?
Want to Get in Shape?
Grounds Department is **HIRING NOW**. Part-time work. We'll work around your schedule. Experience is desired, but not necessary. Be ready for a work-out! Activities include: Watering, weeding by hand, weedeating- trees and shrubs, litter removal. Excellent Hourly Pay! Call James @ 5968 or Patty @ 8029 to apply (if we're out, leave a message) **APPLY NOW!**

Need credit hours? Student Photographer wanted to shoot pictures at a special event. For more information please call 736-1402.

Telemarketer for video company. \$7-15 hr. Homebased, Call Dennis @ 367-0388.

Student Bus Drivers-Taking Applications NOW for Fall '99 Semester
Shuttle Services
Part-time Work
\$7.50 per hour
Position Responsibility: To drive shuttle bus on campus
Requirements: Tennessee Commercial Driver's License, Class B, Endorsement P, One year of bus driving experience preferred.
Application Procedure: Complete a part-time application, available by calling: Patty Feller #8029 or 904-8029 (off campus) or Ed Barlow #8144 or 904-8144 (off campus)

JDs Sports Grille, new restaurant in Smyrna, located on Enon Springs Road near Nissan Blvd. Opening September 1999 Accepting applications now for waitress and cook assistants. Pick up Job Applications at the MTSU Student Placement Office.

For Sale

New Microwave, never been used!! White, touch pad, and turntable. \$50 firm. Call Erica @ 898-4004.

Large dorm fridge, good condition- \$75; white karate suit, also good condition- \$25; answering machine- \$20; call 849-1240.

93 GEO 2dr metro, 90k, AC, CAP, 45mpg, good cond, \$1500 obo. 867-5077

Sony Playstation Resident Evil II CD, \$15.00. 867-5077

Queen Size Mattress Set- quilted top. New, never used, still in plastic. Ten year manufacturer's warranty. Mfr Sug Retail \$650; Will sell \$195.00. Call 895-7477 or 406-2605.

Engineering Economy- \$60
Engineering Fundamentals and Problem Solving- \$50
The Global Past- packaged deal- \$55
Gevart Radioprint DD3700 Film Processor- \$500 obo
Call Cameron Bennett 399-9202- anytime!

Oak Pedestal Table w. 2 chairs. Like new, \$90 for the set. Call 867-0875

Roommate

Roommate needed to share two bedroom apartment. Less than one mile from campus. \$275 a month includes rent and utilities. Call 848-5665

Roommate wanted for small furnished house 5 miles from campus, utilities included, rent \$300/mo, female. 890-7502 or 361-1534.

Grad student and senior seek artistic roommate. Private bathroom, washer & dryer. Furnished! Cable, electric, water, and telephone included- \$395/mo. We bike to campus. Call for eclectic living 907-4214.

Wanted Roommate! Needed to share a four bdrm house walking distance from campus. Rent \$225/mo plus utilities, washer & dryer. Please call 867-0645.

Need a roommate? Students with non-commercial interest may place ads at no charge in the Sidelines Classifieds. Come by our Student Publications office in the JUB room 306.

Services

Piano Lessons in Your Home!
THE Piano Teacher who comes to you is now auditioning beginner and early level students for fall. Call for more information 217-1062.

Need Credit Hours? Student photographer wanted to shoot pictures at a special event. For more information please call 736-1402.

Cash Fast, loans or buying valuables, musical items, gold jewelry, collectibles. Call Now! Gold-N-Pawn 1803 N.W. Broad Street Murfreesboro 896-7167

MASSAGE THERAPY for stress or chronic pain. Deep tissue and relaxation techniques. Ten years of experience. 10% discount for students. Call 331-3093 for appointment.

NO TIME FOR RESEARCH?
For comprehensive literature, searches, retrieval & reviews; research design; data collection & analysis; scientific/technical writing; thesis/dissertation design & editing etc. in all subject areas, call: Michael at 298-2751.

FREE INFORMATION is available through the MTSU Placement Office, KUC Room 328. Come by and receive your complimentary copies of catalogs, pamphlets, and guides to learn how to write a resume and cover letter from various samples, gather information about a particular company, and help with interview preparation. Video tapes are also available for you to view in the Career Library.

The Placement Center is using a computerized registration system and resume preparation program called **RESUME EXPERT**. The benefits include:
* professional, typeset quality resume which can be easily updated
* user-friendly
* IBM compatible. The computer labs on campus can be used.
After purchasing your software in Phillips Bookstore, it must be brought to the Placement Center to load your information in the database for resume referrals to employer. Once registered via **RESUME EXPERT**, the Placement Center is able to track which companies individual resumes are referred and inform the individual upon request.

Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Industry Guides Second Edition, Institute for Biotechnology Information. Guides to access Drug Companies, Bio-Tech Firms and more. Come visit the Placement Center to look at this publication.

Sidelines Advertising

For more information
Call 898-2533

30th Anniversary



Celebrating 30 Years of Public Broadcasting Service to Middle Tennessee

Rent Any Two Videos From BLOCKBUSTER And Score Two Tickets To The Big Game!

Get two FREE tickets* to see MTSU play Wofford on September 18, 1999 with any two paid movie or game rentals. Exclusively available at your MTSU campus BLOCKBUSTER video store at 124 W. Northfield Boulevard.

*While supplies last. Some restrictions apply. Offer valid at Murfreesboro location only.



GO TO BLOCKBUSTER,
GO HOME HAPPY.

Join the team of our newest neighborhood Kroger store.

CALL 877-KROGER JOB -or- Apply in person

IRONGATE • 2325 Memorial Blvd. • 867-2216

- Tuition reimbursement program
- Fun work environment
- Flexible schedules
- Computer based training
- Reward and Incentive programs
- 401K plan

