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## Music Dept. under audit, student criticism

By Mark Blevins/staff

The Music Department is undergoing a university audit, and 18 students have quit the band since the beginning of the semester, some who say band traditions are being scrapped.

Part of the audit relates to university money the band obtained for a two-day trip to Georgia Southern game in September.

Marching band administrators requisitioned \$49 for each student to use for meal money on the trip but only gave each student \$30, according to Dean of Liberal Arts John McDaniel. Budget office records show that 140 students received the meal

allotments which means that \$2,860 of the total \$6,860 requisitioned through the Business Office was not given to students.

McDaniel said the new Director of Bands Pat Root and Director of the Marching Band George Megaw probably didn't understand university policies and were trying to "find" extra money for band expenses.

"We have had some problems on reimbursements of travel funds, and we are certainly looking at that to make sure procedures are followed," McDaniel said. "We think they weren't."

Root said the department has already returned \$19 to most of the students, and those who have not picked up the money can do so.

Details of the audit will not be released until it is complete. Director of Internal Audit Brenda Burkhart

said she will be reporting to President James Walker this week on the status of the audit.

"No intentional mistake was ever made," Root said in an interview last week. "I'm absolutely confident that every person on the band staff is honest, has a great deal of integrity and is working for the good of the band and the band students."

"I welcome [this audit] because I know we're all honest," Root said.

Root was removed from having a direct role in the operation of the marching band last week. As director of bands, her responsibilities span over all bands in the music department. Those include the marching band, symphonic band, pep band and the wind ensemble.

It is Megaw's job to run the marching band, McDaniel said, and he defined Root's move as broadening her responsibilities.

This is Megaw's first year and Root's second year.

Records show that 18 of the original 163 students have quit the marching band since the beginning of the year, and some of the students are saying that the good-time band that once was the Band of Blue is now a drag.

"All of our traditions were basically trashed," said Sophomore Julie Kraft in an interview last week. Kraft recently quit the marching band and has decided to move home to Iowa after the spring semester. She said problems in the band are not the only reason she is moving home, but that they were the "spring board" for her decision.

"It is not the music department I looked at my senior year [of high

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## Rec Center grand opening all week long

By Melissa Wooten & Mark Blevins

It's already open for use, but the grand opening week for the Recreation Center starts today.

Activities are scheduled throughout Homecoming week.

"It feels great," said Campus Recreation Director Glenn Hanley. "We've been spending a lot of time and a lot of effort, and we hope the students are pleased."

(See complete calendar of events in Homecoming insert.)

Two top-five nationally ranked rock climbers, a member of the U.S. Olympic canoe and kayaking team, and aerobic enthusiast Tammy Lee Webb of "Buns of Steel" fame will be on hand to lead participants through demonstrations and clinics, Hanley said.

Rock climbers Jim Karne and Shelley Presson will be at the Center Thursday from 3-9 p.m. Olympic canoe and kayaker Horace Holden will also be around Thursday and will lead a kayak demonstration and clinic from 7-9 p.m. Webb will be leading classes and greeting people from noon-3 p.m. Wednesday.

A wellness fair for students and faculty will be held Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. The fair will offer free blood pressure checks, and booths will be set up by MTSU health and counseling services.

A beach party will be held on the sundeck and in the parking lot of the Rec Center Thursday from 4-11 p.m. Demonstrations, clinics and games will be available at the beach party.

"The beach party will be a good time for students to interact with Recreation Center faculty and for students to get information on what activities and programs the Rec Center offers," said Rec Center fitness programmer Jon Zurek. Tours open to students, faculty staff and the community will be held Saturday.

Activities begin at 3:30 p.m. today with a ribbon cutting ceremony. MTSU President James Walker will be speaking at the ceremony.

The Rec Center has been open to students and faculty since the middle of September, but the grand opening was scheduled to coincide with MTSU's Homecoming.

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## Aerospace student dies

Staff Reports

MTSU student Lloyd D. "Buck" Clapp died Friday morning at St. Thomas Hospital after being stabbed in Washington, D.C. on a university field trip, according to Saturday's *Daily News Journal*.

Clapp died at 12:18 p.m. Friday at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville. Clapp was transferred from Georgetown University Hospital last Wednesday so that his family could be closer.

Aerospace students and faculty held a Fly-In Lunch at the Murfreesboro Municipal Airport Saturday afternoon, and all proceeds from the luncheon were donated to the Clapp family.

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## Police seek male assailant

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

MTSU Police are looking for an unknown man whom they say attacked a female resident of Married Student Housing last Monday afternoon.

A woman reported being attacked in the breezeway of the "A" building in Married Student Housing at approximately 1 p.m. She reported to police that a male had approached her on a bicycle. According to police reports the man asked her where she lived and attempted to "coerce her into a residence."

Police say the man pinched her on the hip during the incident. The victim fled from the "A" building to the "B" building where she phoned Campus Police. The assailant left on his bicycle "towards the center of campus" and eluded capture.

Police were hampered in getting a description of the man because the victim did not speak English, and an interpreter had to be located to question her.

Police have issued a Campus Crime Alert about the incident.

The assailant is described as a black male with a light complexion, slender, in his late 20s to early 30s. He was bearded and wearing a blue and gray coat at the time of the attack.

He fled the scene on a black and green bicycle. Anyone who has information on the person is urged to call Campus Police at 898-2424.

In the wake of the attack, police are encouraging people to have a greater awareness of personal security.

"We highly encourage people to use the campus escort service," said Campus Police spokesman Dustin Miller. "Call [898-] 2424 and someone will either walk you to your destination or give you a ride. If you're going to be arriving on campus, call ahead and we'll meet you in the parking lot and escort you to your destination."

"Also call us if you see anything that you think is suspicious in any way," Miller continued. "We'd much rather be called a dozen times and not be needed than be needed once and not be called." ●



## True Americans

Photos by  
Carl E. Lambert



(Left) Steve Reevis, a Blackfoot from Montana, performs the grass dance during the Native American Cultural Exhibition and Fair. (Top) Rex A. Begaye, a Navajo, stands with his painting that symbolizes the salvation of the earth. (Above) Gary Cady shows a student a bone choker at his booth.

## Moving to I-A requires OVC, NCAA to give OK

By Warren Wakeland/staff

On Aug. 29, MTSU officially declared its intention to seek reclassification in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) from a Division I-AA school for football to Division I-A in 1998.

Part of the reason for the move is the thought that the NCAA, the governing body of collegiate athletics, will either scale down Division I-AA football or attempt to eliminate the division altogether at its bi-annual convention in Dallas next January.

"Our perception is that I-AA is going to drop scholarships down to 45 or 40 [from its current level of 63], which lowers the level of play and the competition," said MTSU Athletic Director Lee Fowler. "We don't want to do that—we want to be better."

For MTSU President James E. Walker, the announcement of the move is the culmination of a 4 1/2-year project to give the school more integrity and visibility in the eyes of high schools in Tennessee and throughout the South.

Though approval by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) is not necessary to make the move, Walker said courtesy requires MTSU to seek TBR's blessing.

"Certainly we will let the Board of Regents know and we will also let the Tennessee Higher Education Commission know," Walker said. "But to my knowledge, there is no requirement that we have to notify the Board of Regents of our intent to move to I-A."

Making the move, however, requires more of MTSU than just making intentions known. There are several requirements the university must meet in order to successfully make the move.

MTSU must obtain permission to move from the NCAA and the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC), of which MTSU is a member in all NCAA-certified sports.

### OVC Permission

OVC permission must come first. According to conference information director Rob Washburn, approval of three-fourths of the conference's presidents is required to allow a school to leave the conference.

When Eastern Illinois University joins the conference next year as its 10th member, MTSU will require the approval of 8 of the 10 conference presidents to make the move.

Fowler said MTSU does not wish

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## Adult Services Center moves

By Martha Stroud & J. Ed Kelly/staff

The MTSU Adult Services Center will be hosting an Open House to celebrate their new facilities in KUC Room 320.

The Adult Services Center moved its location to the KUC after operating out of a loading closet on the ground floor of Peck Hall for five years.

The Open House will be held Tuesday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The Center will be serving guests cookies and coffee or hot cider.

"The Adult Services Center provides many services for the older students which help them through a sometimes difficult, but exciting transition period," said Carol Ann Bailey, director of Adult Services Center.

"We hope that some of the older learners will make a point to come by and talk with us."

The Center occupies over 1,000 square feet in which a student lounge, office space, a study area and a snack area with a microwave available to students is housed.

The center also provides a reception and display area for the catalogs, schedule books, student handbooks, financial aid, and other information and forms which the Center maintains for the convenience of adult learners or any student that has adult responsibility, regardless of age.

Some of the services which the Center provides include: seminars on stress management; computer literacy; test-taking skills; support

groups for balancing school, family, career, and positive parenting; a Mentor Program to help students learn about the MTSU campus; an emergency schedule service which picks up students' children at school when the students has an emergency; OWLS (Older, Wiser Learners), a student organization for adult learners; and Pinnacle Honorary Society, a honor society for adult learners.

"It is very nice," said Angel Patton, junior social work major. "I enjoy having a place to go and eat without being bombarded by people."

MTSU defines a student as an adult learner at 23 years of age. The Adult Services Center considers anyone who has adult responsibilities, like a young, single parent, an adult, regardless of age. According to recent figures, 54 percent of the student body is over 24 years-old. Of that figure, 43 percent attend night classes.

The OWL organization helps older students adjust to college and campus life at MTSU.

"We have a mentor program. We match people to one another, and the mentor will answer questions," said Dallas Nichols, president of OWLS. "Some people don't understand the basics, and they won't ask someone."

Nichols expressed the desire to get the word out to students that Adult Services offers help for personal and academic problems.

The Adult Services Center's hours are 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday. ●



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## MUSIC: marching band loses 18

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school," Kraft said. Kraft said Megaw and Root tend to "yell and rag" people in practice which Kraft says has brought morale down. One of those instances involves Megaw instructing some of the students in the percussion "pit" to wear more effective breast support because the students were "bouncing around too much."

Kraft says that comment was made in the presence of other students and embarrassed her and the other students who received the comment. Kraft described the situation as unprofessional and one that made her uncomfortable in performances.

"I personally don't think they should keep their jobs," Kraft said.

Junior Emily McFarlen, who has also left the marching band, describes the environment around the band office as "cold."

She says the character of

the band has changed from a fun, competent band to a overly disciplined, "old school" band that is not performing well.

McFarlen says the Music Department is known as a

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John Bingham  
Music Department Chairman

great place for students who graduate as music education majors, and she questions the attitudes and teaching ability of band administrators.

But McDaniel points out that the band has received standing ovations at all the performances.

"I would say that the performance of the marching

band despite these problems—by most people's accounts—has been outstanding," McDaniel said.

Root says the problems are a result of "big-time" changes over the last four years where band directors have changed.

"I just think they're having a normal reaction to bigtime changes over the last four years," Root said.

Music Department Chairman John Bingham says the fact that 18 students have left ranks is "certainly not alarming" and that the attrition rate is common.

"What I want for everyone is just sort of a cooling-off period," Bingham said. He added that he hopes everyone will "just have a lot more fun" as the marching band season draws to a close.

"We will do a lot of reflection at the end of this season to see what we want to do next year," Bingham said. "The program will survive. The program is strong." ●

## REC: grand opening welcomes community

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Preceding the announcement of the schedule of events, university officials mentioned the possibility of having a sport celebrity like Larry Byrd at the ceremony, but Hanley said concerns about spending money wisely precluded the idea.

The Center will be open to members of the community as

well as students, Hanley said.

"We're trying to open it up for folks in the community as well as students—students who have not been in and community folks who have not been allowed to come in—to see what we have going and to see if they want to be a part of what we have going," Hanley said.

Construction and operating costs are funded by

student activity fee dollars. Full-time MTSU students pay \$35 a semester to retire the bond which paid the \$15.5 million construction costs of the building. Students also pay \$15 a semester for operating costs of the building.

Students approved the activity fee increase for the REC Center in March 1991 with a vote of 1,027 for the Center and 589 against. ●

## Campus Capsule

**Blue Moves**, MTSU's Senior Dance Company, will be performing at Tucker Theatre on Monday Oct. 30 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00 with Student ID, \$6.00 without. The show contains adult content and language. For more info, contact Amanda Contrell Roche at 256-2158 or 831-1265.

**Canturbury Episcopal Campus Ministry** will not meet Tuesday, Oct. 31 but continues meeting on Thursdays in the KUC Grill from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Contact Andrew Wright at 893-3780 for more information.

**Wesley Foundation Weekly Events:**  
-Oct. 29- University Worship 8 p.m.  
-Oct. 31- Wesley's Kitchen 5:30 p.m.; Bonfire at Katy O'Neil's 7:30 p.m.  
-Nov. 1- Start canned food drive; 11:15-1:00 p.m.; Wed. Lunch 7:00 p.m. Koinonia (All Saints Day Service); 7:30 p.m. Wesley Singers Rehearsal  
-Nov. 3- 8:00 p.m. Decorating for Homecoming  
-Nov. 4- 7:30 p.m. Prepare bus for Homecoming Parade

**The Erudite Emancipators** of MTSU welcomes students, faculty, and staff to a "Getting to Know You" social to meet members of the sororities, fraternities and other minority student organizations of MTSU. The social will be held in the Patterson Community Center from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 1.

**MTSU College Democrats** will be joining students from Kentucky and Illinois to work on the KY governor's campaign in Bowling Green. We will be leaving on the afternoon of Nov. 3 and returning Nov. 5. Hotel and meals will be paid for by the University of KY Young Democrats. Call Mary at 904-7126 for more information.

**Sigma Tau Delta** will hold its next meeting Tuesday Nov. 7 at the Red Rose Cafe at 6:00 p.m. to "whenever." We will be discussing Twain's *The Man Who Corrupted Hadleyburg* and socializing. Members, guests, and all interested people are welcome. Call 646-4527 for more information.

**NOTICE: All December 1995 Graduating Seniors-** All undergraduate seniors expecting to graduate in December are required to take the ACT-COMP as a condition of graduation as outlined in university policies. The test will be given three times during the fall semester: Nov. 7, 8, 9. On these dates, students may choose from three different times each day: 8:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. All test administrations will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. No pre-registration is necessary. This is a timed test and you will be expected to stay for the entire time. The test takes about two and one-half hours. This announcement does not apply to students obtaining graduate or associate degrees. If there are questions regarding the test, please contact Ruth Watson, MTSU Box 514. For more information call 898-2854.

**The Miss Middle Tennessee State University Scholarship Pageant Committee** will hold a

general interest meeting Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7:00 p.m. in KUC Room 314. The meeting will cover the procedures and responsibilities of competing in the pageant. The Miss MTSU pageant is the preliminary pageant of the Miss Tennessee/Miss America Scholarship Pageant system.

**Alpha Delta Mu** has established a scholarship in the social work department this semester. Applications can be obtained from the social work office before deadline of Nov. 10. Criteria are also posted with the application.

**Blasting Notice:** Construction on the new Business/Aerospace building is underway. Some blasting of underground rock within the confines of the building site is necessary. It is fenced off from the rest of the campus to provide additional student safety. The blasting will continue through Nov. 3. The following method of notification will be used when blasting.

When explosives are to be set off the following sequence of events will alert MTSU security and the general campus community.

1. MTSU security will be notified a minimum of 1 hour prior to the blast.
2. Three short blasts of a loud horn will be sounded 60 seconds prior to 1 long blast of the horn.
3. Immediately after this 1 long blast the explosion will occur.
4. Following the explosion, 1 long blast of the horn will sound to signal "All Clear."

**Honors Student Association** Friday Night Flings begin not-so-promptly at 5:00 p.m. in Peck Hall 108. Two movies are shown on the first and third Fridays. On the second Friday, special interest workshops are held. The fourth Friday features roundtable discussions to explore the opinions of students and faculty on various issues of debate. All events are open to HSA members and one guest per member. Come find out what you've been missing!

Anyone interested in tutoring of who would like tutoring assistance please call Tanisha Harris at 898-4056. This Tutorial Program is sponsored by the NAACP (educational committee).

**The Japan Center of Tennessee** is sponsoring a Japanese Tea Objects Exhibit through November in the lobby of Cope. The exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.

**The Japan Center** is also sponsoring many off campus exhibitions. The exhibit Photographs of Japan will be on display at the Felix G. Woodward Library at Austin Peay State University. The exhibit consists of photographs taken by the Director of the Japan Center of Tennessee, Dr. Esther Millon Seeman during her trips to Japan. A Japanese Doll Exhibit will be on display at the Arrowhead/Aerospace Cultural Center in Manchester. A Japanese Good-Luck Charms Exhibit will be on display in the Jean Keener Room, 442 W. Second North St., Morristown, TN. A Japanese Kite Photographs Exhibit will be on

display at the Arrowhead/Aerospace Cultural Center Museum, 24 Campground Road, Manchester, TN. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday-Saturday 9:30-4:00, with admission charge. The kites pictured are traditional Japanese kites crafted and photographed by Joy Smith of Murfreesboro. For more information on all these exhibits please contact The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

**The Presbyterian Student Fellowship** at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. hosts a cookout and discussion beginning at 6:15 every Wednesday evening and luncheons every Monday at noon. Contact Michael Malone at 893-1787.

**MTSU Speech Clinic** is sponsoring ongoing speech testing and therapy clinics in Boutwell Dramatic Arts room 232. MTSU students who need speech testing or therapy services should call the clinic at 898-2661 for an appointment.

**The Voices of Praise Gospel Choir** will have weekly rehearsals on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. beginning Sept. 11 at the Baptist Student Center. Contact Latresha McCamoll at 898-3989. Come join us!

**Intervarsity Christian Fellowship** has weekly meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in KUC room 312. Call Trista at 898-3256 or Chris Ward at 898-3244.

**MTSU LAMBDA** is a gay, lesbian, and bisexual student group. It meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Mass Communications Building room 104. All are welcome. For more information call the LAMBDA information line at 780-2293.

**The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry** is meeting Tuesdays from 7-9:00 p.m. at St. Paul Episcopal Church, 315 E. Main Street. Everyone is invited to join them for a meal, fellowship and worship. They also meet Thursdays from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the KUC grill. Contact Rev. Andrew Wright with questions at 893-3780.

**Equestrian Team Meeting** every Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the TLC sales Arena. Contact Lia Grove at 849-9876. Everyone is welcome.

**Raiders for Christ** meets every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center at 1105 E. Bell St. Contact Mike Stroud at 896-1529 or Eddy Dyer 890-0488.

**The MTSU Anthropological Society** will meet every second and fourth Monday of the month from noon to 1:00 p.m. in Peck Hall 320. Students majoring, minoring or expressing an interest in anthropology are encouraged to attend.

**The Pi Sigma Epsilon** is a national co-ed fraternity in sales and marketing. Men and women of all majors are welcome. General business meetings are held every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. in KOM 163.



# Campus Rec offering student trips

By Todd R. Cruse/staff

The Campus Recreation office is offering numerous recreational trips for students during the school year.

There are trips offered almost every other weekend and over all the major breaks including Christmas, Spring Break, Thanksgiving and during the summer. Prices range from \$5 to \$600 depending on the trip.

The water based trips offered are divided into rafting and canoeing. The Ocoee rafting trips occur during the fall, spring, and a few times in the summer months. The trip costs \$25-\$40 depending on the length of the trip.

The white water trips take place in east Tennessee and usually cost \$25 for the weekend. The flat water trips occur in middle Tennessee on the Stones, Duck, and Buffalo

ivers. These trips also cost around \$25 for a weekend or a moonlight trip on the Stones was offered at \$5. White water and flat water canoeing trips can accommodate 10-15 students.

Students can go to the Big Bend National Park and the Rio Grande River bordering Texas on this year's Spring Break trip. Ten spaces will be allotted for students on this particular trip. The price for this trip was not available at this time.

Spaces are still available for the Christmas Break cross country skiing trip on the North Rim of the Grand Canyon also over Christmas break.

The seven day skiing trip to Steamboat Springs, Colorado is already full, having signed 80 students for the trip for the first week in January.

For the 15th year, Campus

Recreation will offer a trip to the Appalachian Mountains. Each year a different stretch of the trail has been taken, and this year students will hike in Pennsylvania.

The Appalachian trip takes nine days and cost around \$45.

The Thanksgiving backpacking trip will take 10 students to the Grand Canyon for \$175 per person.

Other trips that are planned consist of a co-op trip with Texas A&M to the University to Cozamel for snorkeling and diving, and a parent/child trip for students with children ages 5-10. The Cozamel trip will cost \$480-\$580 depending if the student wants to dive. It is scheduled for Jan. 7-11. The parent/child trip will consist of both a hike and a canoe trip down a selected river.

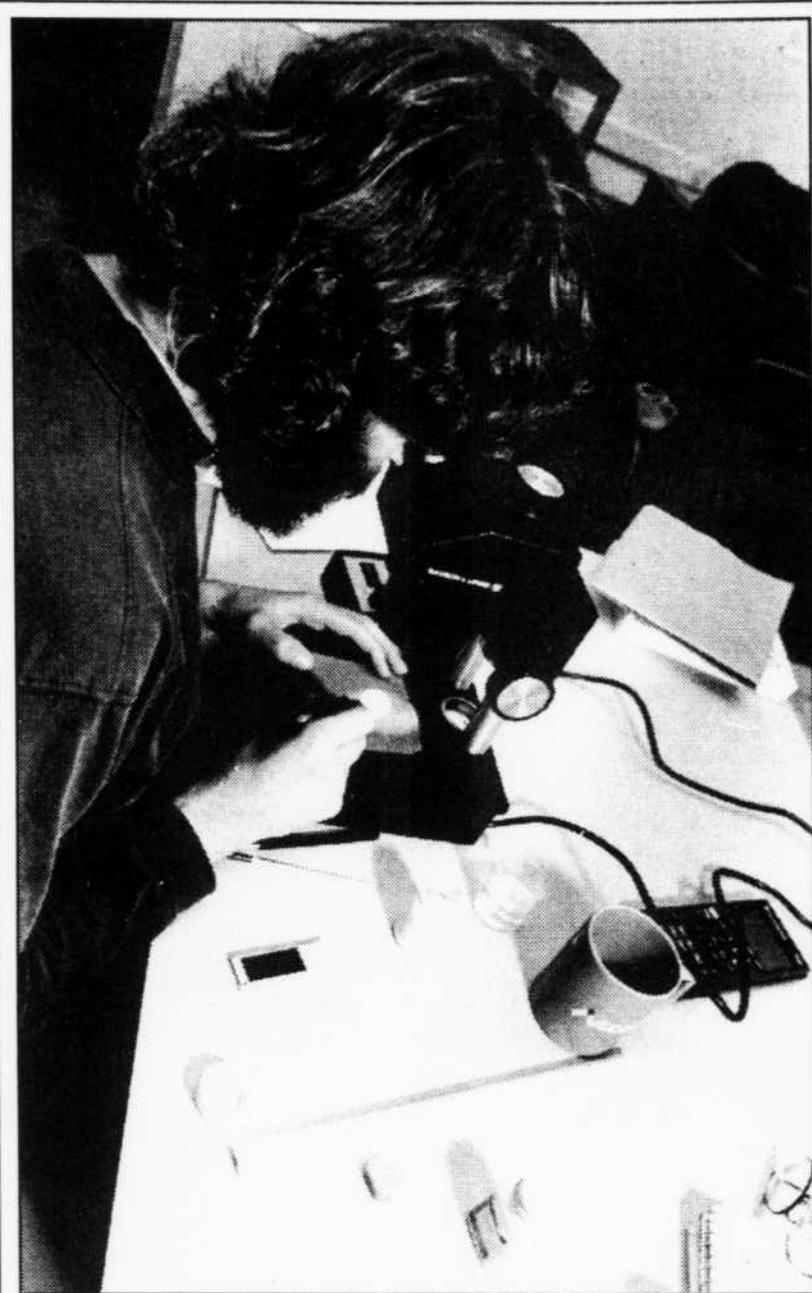
Prices include transportation, lodging and the

equipment that will be needed. The trips are also considered to include leadership, said Glenn Hanley, director of campus recreation.

"We offer cooperative adventure trips where all participants are involved in group decision making," said Hanley.

In addition to the trips, Campus Recreation offers clinics in kayaking rolling, outdoor photography and down-hill ski maintenance for \$2-\$5. There is also a rock climbing wall in the Rec. Center for those who wish to learn or practice their rock climbing.

For more information on recreational activities offered by the Campus Recreation Department, contact Glenn Hanley or Wayne Taylor at 898-2104. ●



Carl E. Lambert/staff

## Racism subject of Wednesday's lecture

Staff Reports

Dr. Kathleen M. Blee, sociology professor at the University of Kentucky, will be at Middle Tennessee State University on Nov. 1 to address the topic, "Organized Hate: America's Racist Underground."

Blee, whose research on the Ku Klux Klan prompted the book *Women of the Klan: Racism and Gender in the 1920s* which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize, is a

specialist in Southern studies and in feminism as a social movement. Her research includes investigations into familial and economic life in pre-industrial Appalachia, and the political and economic status of women.

She has received grants from the Institute for Research on Poverty, the Ford Foundation, the Aspen Institute, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Southern

Regional Education Board, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Blee serves as a manuscript reviewer for 11 professional journals, a review panelist for the Ford Doctoral Fellowships for Minorities

and a book-manuscript reviewer for five university presses.

The Windham Lecture Series was established by William and Westy Windham through MTSU Foundation.

William Windham was a member of the MTSU history faculty from 1955-1989 and served as chair for 11 years. Westy Windham earned a master's degree in sociology at MTSU and founded the Great American Singalong.

Dr. Kathleen Blee's lecture will take place Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building. The event is free and open to the public. ●

### Unlocking past mysteries

Andrew Scott, a geology student, observes a microscopic fossil last week which he collected in Mississippi for his Invertebrate Paleontology class.

## CLAPP: university community unites for family benefit

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According to Cindy Boron, event organizer, country musicians performed, and an auction was scheduled to take place in order to raise money for the family. Food was donated by local merchants.

The *Daily News Journal* estimated that approximately 1,000 people were expected to attend Saturday's benefit.

Clapp traveled to Washington, D.C., over Fall Break as part of a university field trip for aerospace students to visit the National Air and Space Museum. Clapp was stabbed once in the heart and stomach on his way to his niece's house after getting off the subway at Fourth and I Street.

According to Steven Gossett, assistant professor of

aerospace, Clapp managed to flag down a policeman who performed CPR until an ambulance could arrive on the scene.

Clapp was admitted to D.C. General Hospital where open heart surgery was performed. He was later taken to Georgetown University Hospital where he remained in a coma, according to Gossett.

"On behalf of Middle

Tennessee State University, I offer our sincerest condolences," said President James Walker. "This is such a tragic loss not only for the family of Buck Clapp, but for this university."

"I urge everyone to join in support of the family in this time of deep personal loss," Walker said.

Clapp was a 40-year-old aerospace major who worked at

a recreational vehicle sales and repair store in LaVergne. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Tiffany, 15, and Ashley, 9.

Contributions for the family are being accepted at the NationsBank on S. Lowry Street in LaVergne in a trust fund established by brother-in-law and co-worker C. David Gehlin. ●

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## Night parking pass submitted for administrative approval

By Heather Hybarger/staff

The SGA Traffic Committee has made a couple of modifications to the night parking bill recently passed by the House and Senate.

"To avoid all the legislation [parking passes] would take, we decided to open up the specified lots at 5:30 p.m.

instead of 6:30 p.m.," according to manager of Parking and Transportation Gary Hunter.

The new parking passes will enable any student with a valid parking permit to park in white spaces in Jones Field, behind Todd Library and east of the Mass Comm Building after 5:30 p.m. The bill will effect more than 500 parking

spaces.

However, the bill will not take effect until next fall, after it has been approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR). TBR will receive the bill for consideration after Vice President for Student Affairs Robert LaLance and President Walker both approve it. ●

## I-A: MTSU moves to meet NCAA requirements

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to leave the conference entirely.

"We fit very well in the OVC in all the other sports in which we participate," he said. "But we want to go to a higher level in football than the OVC wants."

Washburn pointed out that the conference has a rule in its bylaws that states all member schools must play football in the conference in order to be a member of the conference. Therefore, MTSU must be granted a waiver to the rule in order to move to Division I-A in football.

"There was a precedent set last year for Morehead State, which wanted to move to non-scholarship football," Washburn said. Though Morehead will continue to play football, they will not be an OVC member in the sport.

MTSU has not yet applied for approval from the conference, according to Washburn, but the conference is aware of the school's desire to make the change.

OVC commissioner Dan Beebe said he could not gauge what reception the move will get from the other OVC schools until a Nov. 8 meeting of conference athletic directors. He did say, however, that MTSU's long-term plans in the other OVC sports could have an effect on the decision to leave in football.

"With Morehead, we knew when we allowed them to drop out in football that they would stay in the league in all the other sports," Beebe said. "With Middle it's a little different. We don't know if they plan to stay long-term in the other sports or if they will leave if they get an invitation from a I-A conference to play in all sports."

"We'll just have to get to the negotiating table and find out."

### Getting into the NCAA

Approval from the NCAA is more difficult to obtain. They have a strict set of guidelines all schools must meet in order to obtain I-A status for football.

NCAA membership coordinator Shirley Whitaker said any university applying

for I-A status must fill out a reclassification form and turn it in to the NCAA by June 1 of the year the school wishes to make the move. Approval or denial of the request will be effective by Sept. 1 of that year.

This means MTSU must turn in its reclassification form by June 1, 1998 in order to play I-A football for the 1998 season.

Attached to the form must be certain documentation that represents the qualifications the NCAA requires for all schools to be classified as I-A in football. Whitaker said there are four main guidelines:

**"Alabama thinks they have a game in '98 if we can work out a date ... I've had positive responses from three other SEC schools; we're just trying to work out dates."**

Lee Fowler  
Athletic director

- The school must have a stadium that seats at least 30,000 people and is certified by the NCAA.

The stadium expansion MTSU plans to build will seat 35,000 people in its initial configuration, according to Fowler. It will be expandable to hold as many as 70,000 people in the future.

The expansion is set for completion by the fall 1997 season. Initial designs for the expanded stadium are not yet complete.

- The school must average paid attendance at home games of 17,000 people in the four years preceding the year it is applying for reclassification.

According to Fowler, paid attendance includes all tickets sold at half-price or higher, all tickets used that were sold at one-third price or higher, all students who have paid the student activity fee and have a current ID, and members of school marching bands.

Any ticket sold at one-third price or higher and not

used does not count toward attendance.

However, if the school does not have a stadium large enough to handle attendance of 17,000, as is currently the case at MTSU, it must meet this criteria only in the last year of the four-year period, according to Whitaker.

The time frame for completion will give MTSU one year to meet the guideline, according to Fowler.

- The school must create schedules for a four-year period after moving to I-A that show it playing at least seven I-A opponents.

Fowler said while the process is not yet complete, he does not anticipate a problem obtaining the necessary contracts with I-A schools to meet this criteria.

"I've already sent out letters of inquiry and gotten responses," he said. "Alabama thinks they've got a game in '98 if we can work out a date. Missouri thinks they may have an opening in '98. Illinois says they want to get together to work out a date."

"I've had positive responses from three other SEC schools; we're just trying to work out dates."

Fowler recently announced a road date with Louisiana State University for Oct. 20, 2001, the fourth year of the schedule compliance period.

- The school must play at least four home games per year during the two-year I-A rule compliance period before making the move and for two years after the move.

Fowler said MTSU will likely schedule only four home games during the compliance period in order to schedule road games against high-ranked Division I-A opponents. Traveling to these schools affords the program a large payout from the school they are playing.

"If the school meets all the requirements, then the application usually is approved," Whitaker said. ●

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# Students enrich college experience through outdoor recreation

By College Press Service

TACOMA, Wash.—On the outside, University of Puget Sound's former Schiff Hall looks the same as any other residence hall.

But inside, students may be watching a slide show on how to safely maneuver down a cliff face or attending a seminar about freeze-drying food.

The residence hall has been converted into the new Adventure Education Hall and unites 45 University of Puget Sound freshmen who share a passion for the outdoors.

"I've always been an outdoorsy person," said Todd Lokey, a freshman from Montrose, Colo. "And I like spreading my knowledge of rock climbing, backpacking and winter activities."

Residents' first major adventure will be a rock climbing trip to Leavenworth, Wash. In addition to offering residents a chance to experience the outdoors, the Adventure Education Hall trips include safety lessons and survival tips.

"Besides involving students in fun outdoor activities, we want them to learn about the outdoors and to develop skills

that will keep them safe and alive," said Tim Pierson, a 1995 Puget Sound graduate and staff coordinator who lives in the hall.

Pierson, who just began work on his master of physical therapy degree, said his mission is to challenge residents in some aspect of their lives—either within the halls or through the 'great outdoors.'

"What they learn here will

help them all their lives," he said. "Hopefully, they'll develop a sense of education behind outdoors activity, and they'll develop their own leadership style and perhaps even a sense of direction."

Stremba, assistant dean of students, who proposed the idea for the Adventure Education Hall last year, said he believes the outdoor activities give students a

unique opportunity to develop leadership skills.

"Outdoor adventure is one of those unique endeavors where leaders and participants are faced with real choices and real consequences," said Stremba.

"This process requires that individuals think logically and analytically, and communicate clearly and effectively," he said.

Stremba added that he also hopes that students' outdoor experiences will help them develop a deeper sense of self-understanding and a better relationship with nature.

Freshman Sarah Leimert

said the Adventure Education Hall already has helped her build some solid relationships with other students.

"Schiff is the perfect place to see amazing things, meet amazing people and become active in ways you never dreamed you would," said Leimert, who is from Portland, Ore.

"When I found out I got in I was really pumped. Already, it has been beyond my expectations. I made friends immediately because we already share a common bond."

## Colleges sue investor for lost millions

By College Press Service

PHILADELPHIA—After losing millions of dollars to the Foundation for New Era Philanthropy earlier this year, colleges are heading to court to get their money back.

So far, 27 colleges have filed claims in U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District Against Pennsylvania against New Era, hoping to get back their initial investments.

New Era, which promised matching funds for approximately 500 investing colleges, libraries and churches throughout the U.S., declared bankruptcy earlier this year.

Philadelphia College of Bible has the most to recoup, claiming it lost more than \$28 million. Lancaster Bible College is seeking to regain more than \$12 million, while numerous other schools, including Drexel University and Wheaton College, are looking to collect anywhere from \$1 million to \$9 million each.

Beginning last January, New Era officials convinced numerous administrators to invest money in their program. Although some initial investors made money, the entire premise turned out to be a large-scale Ponzi-style scam that paid off old investors with money from new investors. When additional investors stopped coming, the money ran out.

New Era and its president, John Bennett, Jr. are being investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Securities and Exchange Commission. They have been charged with misusing at least \$140 million in funds.

## Donor gives finance class \$65,000 for investments

By College Press Service

DAYTON, Ohio—University of Dayton students who are used to digging through their pockets for laundry change are getting the chance to play with big bucks in the classroom.

Fifteen finance students are using \$65,000 to buy and sell shares on the stock market.

The class, which began in the winter semester of 1994,

started with \$25,000 to invest. Students got another \$30,000 through an anonymous donor and made an additional \$11,000 through investments.

Making money, however, is only part of the class's objective, said Bernard Winger, UD professor of economics and finance. "One is, of course, to make money. The second is that they're supposed to learn," said Winger, who teaches the course. "If there is a sacrifice

of profit for educational gain, then I'm going to take it."

Students work in three-person teams, and each group is responsible for five companies. Each student in the class votes to buy or sell stocks, and the class must reach a majority.

"It's a lot of responsibility," said senior finance major Elizabeth Sfeir. "But it's something we can handle."

The class currently holds shares in 26 companies

representing a wide variety of industries.

Winger said he takes a hands-off approach to the class, trying to let students make their own decisions about when to buy or sell stocks. Students research companies through news articles, annual reports, investor relations phone lines and news briefs on the Internet.

"I don't care what they do," said Winger. "They can sell

them all and buy them all back, but I think they'll find that's not a very effective way to handle it."

Sfeir said one of the things she's learned is that trading stocks is always a risky business.

"No matter what, it's a risk. No matter how much you know. At the same time it could go well beyond your expectations," she said.

## Indiana students save pennies to help pay off national debt

By College Press Service

GARY, Ind.—Students at Indiana University Northwest are saving their pennies to help pay off the national debt.

In September, IUN students held a penny rally to kick off the drive, which runs until the end of October.

"It's about time somebody started doing something about our future," said Charles Isley, president of the IUN student government, who donated two jars of pennies at the rally. "It's about time we try to

reduce the deficit."

The IUN collection is part of a nationwide project with various collection points across the nation where people can contribute their piggy banks, jars and buckets full of pennies to the federal government. The money, according to Public Law 87-58, a 30-year-old federal statute, can then be used to retire the deficit.

"Americans can choose to say 'yes' to America's tomorrow now by pulling together to retire our national debt today," said Lucile McConnell, a IUN

graduate and the founder of The Fund to End the Deficit. "And college students have the most at stake in the future, so they can have a direct impact with their contributions."

McConnell's plan to collect pennies to help pay off the deficit has potential, according to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Treasury officials say there is more than \$2 billion in pennies available in the closets and on the shelves of American homes. Right? Not quite.

## Students to produce Rec Center video

By Rodney McCarthy

MTSU students currently in the Radio-Television/Photography Corporate Video class has been given the okay to produce the school video for the new recreation facility.

Students in the class will produce a video for the students and another one for the alumni.

"My goal for the project is

to expose my students to any equipment they want to work on including digital animation, digital editing and the beta camera," said Mary Nichols, the Interim Chairman of the Radio-Television/Photography Department.

"I've found that students have a more fresh approach to corporate videos because they have not been pre-exposed."

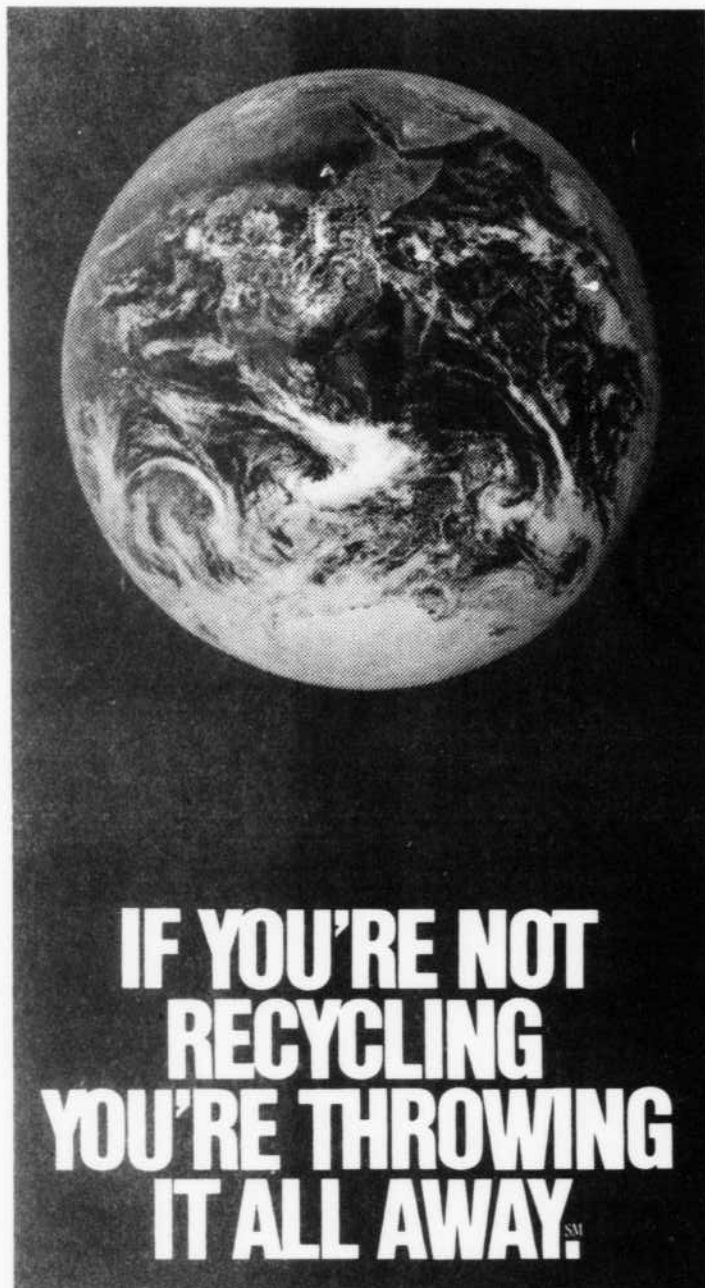
The student video will be a MTV style video which will

include high paced shots and unique camera angles.

The video has been directed at alumni will focus on getting the viewer of the couch and into the facility.

"Our goal is to create a video that will familiarize students with the recreation facility and what it has to offer," said Scotty Wilson, co-producer of the student video.

The class hopes to have the project completed by Dec. 1.



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## In our view

By the Sidelines  
Editorial Board

### Homecoming has value for all

Every opportunity we have to get together and celebrate life is worthwhile.

It's that time of year again. Homecoming.

This week students can find a wide range of activities lined up for them, ready for their participation. From the many activities at the Rec Center grand opening to the SGA events leading up to the Saturday parade and traditional football game, students can find something they enjoy.

Maybe.

The big question is: what is the point of homecoming?

For many MTSU students, coming home means the blessed hour when classes and jobs are wrapped up for the day. For other students, homecoming is something that is accomplished every couple of weeks when it's time to use the family washing machine at home.

Let's face facts. The MTSU student body is not exactly recognized as the most active campus group in the nation.

So why all the pageantry?

We do it for the same reasons we make time for birthday parties, family reunions and national holidays. We do it for the same reasons we get together with friends and do whatever it is we like to do.

It can be downright fun. The more reasons we have to get together and celebrate, the better.

Sure, it may be hard to find tangible reasons for the celebration of homecoming, but we can celebrate each other. We all share this same space here in classrooms and on the lawns. Many of us aren't going anywhere anytime soon.

So let's take every opportunity we can to get together and enjoy ourselves and each other.

Homecoming may not carry great significance for many students, but it's a great opportunity to enjoy life.



### Letter to the Editor

#### 'Be careful'; hopes, dreams of students shared by teachers

Dear students,

We, the faculty at MTSU have many different titles. Some of these titles are instructor, associate professors, assistant professors and professors. But the most important title we all hold is that of "teacher." And we hope that somewhere down the line we can make some small contribution to your lives. Many of our "teachers" work closely with you,

watch you grow in knowledge and maturity, and admire you for your hard work and determination. We feel a sense of pride when we sit through graduation and watch you fulfill a dream you have had for many years; for that is not only your dream, but also our dream for you.

I was saddened and sickened when I learned of the brutal, senseless murder of Aero-space student Buck Clapp which occurred in our nation's capitol. In

the blink of an eye Buck was killed, leaving a wife, his children, his friends and fellow classmates, and his teachers to grieve and to wonder what is happening to this great country of ours.

Please be careful—You are our greatest treasures.

Kathy Liles  
Teacher, MTSU

### Oppression not implicit in being gay, lesbian, bisexual

In response to your recent editorial (October 9), I would like to offer the following comments. There is no doubt that homosexuality is a controversial issue in our society. It also goes without saying that many people that will consider themselves well-intentioned have taken different positions on the issue. As the University considers the request of the Uniform Equality Committee of MTSU Lambda Association to include a sexual orientation clause in the university's non-discrimination statement, and the campus community debates the request, there is the need to be tolerant of the different viewpoints so that we can have a healthy debate. A healthy and reasoned debate on such policy issues should be the least that one can expect from a university. It is fair to say that while the efforts of the UEC have gained some support from some campus groups, there do not support the initiative. There is also the possibility that some individuals in the groups that have supported the UEC initiative are personally not in support of the initiative.

While it is important and necessary that all students, faculty and staff be treated with respect, and protected from harassment and physical violence, it is a stretch for the UEC to consider homosexuals a minority group that deserve a protected status just like women and racial minorities. It is not apparent that "sexual orientation" deserves a "protected status" as a minority, and consequently the Civil Rights legislation that applies to women and racial minorities cannot be extended. Again, this does not mean that individuals that engage in a particular sexual activity should be ill treated. While a minority status should not subject individuals to harassment and physical violence, it is no guarantee for a "protected status" under the present Civil Rights legislation as it applies to women and racial minorities.

The efforts of the UEC is part of a national campaign by the homosexual community. This is why they are quick to point out the support of some national groups. However it is of interest that on the national scene many observers (some of them in gay and lesbian organizations) have seen the fallacies in attempts to draw some parallel or equate the discrimination experienced (or being experienced) by women and racial minorities in this country to the experience of the homosexual community. Jonathan Rauch, an avowed gay journalist in his article in New Republic, advises that

homosexuals should disengage from the strategy of viewing themselves as an oppressed minority. According to Rauch, the homosexual community does not meet the standard criteria for oppressed minority, in terms of, denial of political franchise, denial of education, and relative impoverishment. According to Rauch, even in terms of human rights violations, the gay community does not meet the standard criteria for oppressed minority. He later went on to

**It is doubtful that gays and lesbians on campus can be characterized as oppressed minority that deserve a special protected class status.**

describe some of the activities of the gay and lesbian community as "oppression-entitlement mentality gone haywire" (Beyond Oppression, May 10, 1993 pp. 18ff).

In the same vein, Andrew Sullivan another avowed gay journalist, has this to say about "homophobia" and racial discrimination:

"Two truths (at least) profoundly alter the way the process of discrimination takes place against homosexuals and against racial minorities and distinguish the history of racial discrimination in this country from the history of 'homophobia.' Race is always visible, sexuality can be hidden. Race is not behavioral; sexuality, though distinct from sexual activity, is profoundly linked to a settled pattern of behavior.

"For lesbians and gay men, the option of self concealment has always existed and still exists an option that means in a profound way, discrimination against them is linked to their own involvement, even acquiescence. Unlike blacks three decades ago, gay men and lesbians suffer no discernible communal economic deprivation and already operate at the highest levels of society: in boardrooms, governments, the media, the military, the law and industry. They may have advanced so far because they have not disclosed their sexuality, but their sexuality as such has not been an immediate cause for their disadvantage...

"Moreover, unlike blacks and other racial minorities, gay people are not subjected to inherited patterns of discrimination. When generation after generation is discriminated against a cumulative effect of deprivation may take place, where the gradual

immiseration of a particular group may intensify with the years. A child born into a family subject to decades of accumulated poverty is clearly affected by a past history of discrimination in terms of his or her race. But homosexuality occurs randomly anew with every generation. No sociological pattern can be deduced from it. Each generation gets a completely fresh start in terms of the socioeconomic conditions inherited from the family unit" ("The Politics of Homosexuality" The New Republic May 10, 1993 pp. 34-35).

It seems reasonable to apply some of the standards suggested by Rauch and Sullivan, to the situation here at MTSU. It is doubtful that gays and lesbians on campus can be characterized as oppressed minority that deserve a special protected class status. The present laws do provide for the safety and equality of all members of the campus community. An inclusion of the term "sexual orientation" in the nondiscrimination clause effectively creates a protected status for another group. The contention here is that it is not the place of the university to do that. If as suggested by the UEC statement that the inclusion of "sexual orientation" does not imply condoning any sexuality, one can only wonder why the insistence to include the phrase. Can this be construed as an attempt to give credence to all forms of sexuality or sexual activity? Some of us are not sure this is a legitimate function of the university, even in its goal of diversity. As implied by Rauch and Sullivan, being a minority does not necessarily suggest being oppressed, nor does it guarantee a protected status.

As the university community debates the issue, we must be clear about one thing. Gays and lesbians (and "Straights") in this country should retain fundamental rights guaranteed to all citizens by the US constitution. It is our collective responsibility to treat one another with decency. Individuals should not be subjected to harassment and physical violence, no matter what their positions are on this issue. Part of a healthy debate is to disagree on issues without resorting to calling each other names. Raising questions about the decisions we must make as a nation (or campus) in terms of special gay advantage legislation does not necessarily make one a bigot. In fact attributing negative characteristics to others without proof is the essence of bigotry.

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# Significance of Million Man March is unity

By Dustin Schrimpscher

The significance of the Million Man March did not lie in the controversy surrounding the movement. It is significant in that members of the black community with different views recognized the need to solve common problems and came together despite their differences to try to find solutions for these problems.

Traditionally black males have had the image of irresponsible fathers. They have been portrayed in the media as violent, all brawn, no brain creatures with a self-destructive nature.

The events of October 16 contrasted a new image of black males in America to the old. Christian, Muslim, rich and poor, black men from across the country met in Washington, D.C., to address issues of responsibility in the black community.

At this meeting the nation witnessed thinking, caring, community conscious men. The stereotypes these men have grown up bombarded with are dispelled by their own actions.

Many have called the March sexist in its exclusion of women. Perhaps that is the case. Women were discouraged from participating in the role of Marcher. Please remember that from another perspective women were invited to

participate in through other types of demonstration and thus not excluded. Women of the black community have carried the weight of social conscious in the black community long enough. The March is a symbolic act by the men of the community saying, "It's time we carry the burden we have not carried in the past."

In this case the issue of sexual discrimination seems of secondary importance. We should view the exclusion more as an act of defining gender roles for the betterment of the community than a blow to women.

As a movement the Million Man March could not choose its leaders and organizers. These men were placed in position by fate. The whole of the March should not be judged on the rhetoric and volatile views of its most inflammatory organizers. Perhaps a movement with so many far reaching societal implications could not have been sparked by anyone but an inflammatory character such as Louis Farrakhan.

As the main stream media proves the lives of organizers for skeletons and special interest groups raise their flags in oppositions to the Million Man March, try to transcend the sensational aspects of the movement and concentrate on the real life achievements.

## OPINION

# Battle over budget includes smaller items

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beneath the high-profile fights over Medicare and tax cuts, the massive Republican budget bill is also a battleground for a smaller, but no less intense, showdown over who will shoulder health care costs for thousands of retired coal miners.

The bruising battle pits giants of the coal and steel industries, like Peabody and Pittston, LTV Corp. and U.S. Steel, against each other, and each side has hired top Washington lobbyists to plead its case.

"It's a classic Washington big company-versus-big company fight," said Morrie Feibusch, a spokesman for the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, and just one of many lesser-publicized — but no less contentious — items wrapped into the huge budget-balancing package.

With House and Senate action complete, the focus of lobbyists now shifts to strategies for this week's conference committee, where differences between the two chambers' versions will be worked out, or even beyond, to what will happen after President Clinton vetoes the final product.

The bill going to conference would provide millions of dollars in relief for companies

that have quit the coal mining business or no longer have union contracts with coal miners. These "reachback" companies, as they are called, contend they should be relieved of paying health care costs for retired miners.

But that would mean shifting all the costs for 67,000 beneficiaries — an estimated \$60 million a year — onto the shrinking number of companies still in the mining business. Those companies, including Peabody, Westmoreland and Consolidation Coal, have formed an unusual alliance with the United Mine Workers union to oppose the change.

Feibusch said that to undo the pooled liability arrangement Congress wrote in 1992 would amount to corporate welfare for the companies that avoid health care assessments, since part of the money to make up for the lost revenue would come from Medicare.

The companies seeking relief have formed the Reachback Tax Relief Coalition, and found a receptive audience in the new Republican Congress.

"The whole idea of a retroactive federal mandate I think has ticked off lots of members of Congress," said coalition spokesman Sam

Richardson.

One supporter of the change, AlliedSignal, stands to shed some \$2 million in annual payments into the miners fund. Its CEO, Lawrence Bossidy, is heading a business coalition that sponsored a \$10 million ad campaign promoting the overall budget bill.

Among other items lurking in the fine print of the budget bill:

— A change in excise taxes on alcoholic beverages that would raise \$655 million over seven years.

Distilled spirits are taxed at a higher rate than beer and wine because of their higher alcohol content. The Senate version of the bill repeals a tax policy that allows beverage makers to claim a tax credit for wines and other flavorings that are added to liquor, but which have a lower alcohol content.

The Distilled Spirits Council, a trade association, pinned its hopes on an appeal to House and Senate negotiators to roll back what it termed "a major tax increase."

— A \$204 million hit on Hollywood, the money to come from a tightening of depreciation schedules used for movies and television shows.

Since 1971, the film industry has depreciated its products based on the forecast

life of the programs. VCRs and cable TV have changed the market since then, and Congress sought to stretch out depreciation.

The original language would have raised about \$400 million in new revenue over seven years. But the industry, led by the Motion Picture Association of America, fought back and won partial relief for television programs, arguing that they still are highly speculative. "Look at the new fall season. It's astounding how fast shows are being canceled," said an industry lobbyist.

— A tax break for about 600 college football head coaches and assistant coaches, for contributions to a retirement plan run by the American Football Coaches Association.

The coaches argue that they need the provision because a bad season can leave them without a job, and they have trouble becoming vested in a college's pension plan.

Former Rep. Guy Vander Jagt, now a lobbyist for the coaches, was spotted in House Speaker Newt Gingrich's office on Tuesday. Critics call the provision an example of special-interest lawmaking that occurred only because of the coaches' high profile and their lobbying campaign. ●

# Forget disks, CD-Roms; Microfilm lasts 500-1000 years

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — When archivists at the Mormon Church need to store precious genealogical data they don't grab a computer diskette. Nor do they turn to CD-ROMs.

They bank on microfilm, an old, reliable way of storing data that — for long-term use — is still the answer for many organizations.

"We plan to have them last 500 to 1,000 years. That's why it's on film," said Eric Erickson of the Mormon Church, which has its data on 2 million rolls of microfilm.

The nation's records managers are realizing it's

cheaper to store records on microfilm than on computer devices that rely on hardware and software that changes every five to 10 years.

Storing and retrieving records was a hot topic here last week during the Association of Records Managers and Administrators Convention.

"Users find if they store something on any kind of a computer memory today, like optical disc and CD-ROM they have to restore it every five to 10 years," said Russell J. Burkel, founder of Eye Com Systems Inc. of Hartland, Wisc.

"The problem is basically people don't speak digital. If you store things in non-human, non-readable form, you're then hardware and software dependent. When you're hardware and software dependent, you need devices called bit stream interpreters to return this to human readable form."

Burkel is on a committee aiming to raise the consciousness of potential microfilm users. He also is part of an Association for Information and Image Management's micrographics task force.

Paper still accounts for 94 percent of the long-term records storage market. Microfilm is about 4 percent and electronic is about 1 percent, Burkel said.

The federal government is the nation's biggest user of microfilm. The National Archives and Library of Congress account for much of that.

Computers are useful for quick access to recent information, but for the older records, organizations return to microfilm, Erickson said. ●

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# STUDENTS BEWARE!

## Across the Nation, college campuses are visited by the undead

By Marco Buscaglia/  
College Press Service

No one doubts college can be a scary place. Just ask freshmen before their first final exam.

But few college students would say their fears have anything to do with monsters under the bed or goblins in the closet.

Maybe they should. Nationwide, ghostly legends thrive on campuses.

"There's just so much going on in college buildings when you think about their history, not to mention some of the high emotions that people have when they're in school," says Richard Crowe, a supernatural phenomena expert who's based in Chicago. "Ghosts can thrive on those emotions. They can tap into the anxieties that people have."

Still, Crowe says most ghosts just want to be noticed. "If people pay attention to them and let them co-exist, they're usually fine," he says. "The problems sometimes start when people try to deny that they exist."

For many students across the nation, the question about whether ghosts exist has been answered by their campus experiences. For example:

■ For years, students at Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pa., have maintained that North Hall is haunted by Sarah. Sarah, according to campus legend, is the ghost of a student who committed suicide by leaping over a railing through an open atrium in the building. She allegedly killed herself because of love gone wrong.

The building, which was built in 1874, has been vacant for many years, giving Sarah plenty of room to roam. Mansfield students say they sometimes see Sarah in the windows of the building's top floor, supposedly looking for her former lover.

But Sarah's days of solitude may be numbered. This fall, the university began extensive renovations on North Hall and has plans to turn the old building into a state-of-the-art library and academic center. If the ghost liked the peace and quiet of her abandoned building, it soon will be bustling with students.

■ Students at Stonehill College in North Easton, Mass., have reported seeing the ghost of Freddie Ames roaming the campus.

Ames, the original owner of the property, died in a plane crash in the 1930s. According to legend, Ames instructed his servant to light the runway on his property at night while he was away flying, but the servant forgot. When Ames came in for a landing, the only light he saw was a lamp on the third floor of

his mansion. Mistaking that for the runway, the pilot crashed to his death. Now whenever there is a blue mist hanging over the pond on campus, it is believed that Ames is looking for his forgetful servant.

■ Several students living in North Spencer residence hall at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro say they've had the opportunity to meet Annabelle—whether they wanted to or not.

Legend has it that Annabelle is the ghost of a student who committed suicide in one of the building's bell towers. And while they don't know what she's looking for, students say they sometimes hear her walking the halls of the dorm.

Dorm residents have reported spotting a blue haze passing through the hall at times and have witnessed objects flung across different rooms. The ghost apparently gets antsy when the students are gone for the summer, since most occurrences have taken place when the dorm is occupied by summer school students and residence hall advisors.

The Joe E. Brown and Eva Marie Saint Theater at Bowling Green State University in Ohio is haunted by Alice, an actress who reportedly was killed onstage while playing Desdemona in Shakespeare's Othello.

Alice often interferes with the theater department's performances by shorting out the lighting and scattering the props, but only if she isn't personally invited to the performance. So after the final dress rehearsal of each production, the director heads to the stage, where he or she invites the spirit to be the department's guest. If asked, the actress always obliges, and the shows run without any problems.

■ The ghost of a former professor still roams the halls of VanderCook College of Music at night in Chicago. One of the school's first instructors, H.E. Nutt, died of old age after spending the final years of his life living in the school. Nutt would give lessons at

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all hours, accommodating students who wished to take their lessons well after midnight.

Student-employees who have been in the building after hours to clean have reported hearing drawers shutting, chairs moving and doors slamming when there is no one else in the building. In some instances, students have heard string quartets practicing at 2 a.m. when no one is there.

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## Campus Hauntings

**Sarah, according to campus legend, is the ghost of a student who committed suicide by leaping over a railing through an open atrium in the building.**

At night, Morton security guards say they often hear footsteps on top of the roof of the gymnasium, even though they are sitting in front of the only stairway to the roof. When they go up to check on the noise, they see nothing and the footsteps stop. However, once they head back down the stairs, the footsteps start again.

On numerous occasions, neighbors of the building have called police, saying they see a woman standing at the roof's ledge. When officers check out the scene, they find no one there.

■ Fisher Hall at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, has a long history of hauntings.

Throughout stints as a women's college and a sanitarium, residents of Fisher Hall have reported seeing moving objects and hearing mysterious noises.

When the building became a freshmen dormitory in the 1950s, Fisher resident Ronald Tammen disappeared from campus. His belongings were placed in their normal fashion in his room; his car was found locked and parked in the student lot; and his life was seemingly in perfect order, according to authorities. A massive nationwide search turned up nothing, and Tammen was never found.

A few months later, students in the dorm often heard a voice singing in the woods directly

behind the building. A few days after the voice began to be noticed, students saw a long-haired, tall figure walking toward the building while singing. Ever since, similar sightings have taken place in and around the building.

■ Members of the Delta Sigma Phi house on the Kansas State University campus often get a sample of "the final frontier" from their Star Trek-loving ghost.

The building, which was a hospital before the fraternity took over, is home to George, the ghost of an elderly patient who died after falling off his bed. He suffocated while wedged between the bed and the wall.

George was a big "Star Trek" fan, a fondness that obviously continues even after his death, say fraternity members. In 1973, an ice storm knocked out power on the entire KSU campus for several days. But at the Delta Sigma Phi house, electricity was mysteriously restored every day from 4-5 p.m., just long enough for George and the men of Delta Sigma Phi to catch the "Star Trek" rerun on the local station.

■ Students aren't the only ones who receive late-night visits, according to David Paschall, former president of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Paschall says he was visited by Rev. James Blair, the first president of the nation's oldest school, one night. Paschall reports that Blair wore clerical robes and stood at the foot of the bed, staring and pointing a finger at him. the room near the ceiling. ●

# We got a radio

*WNAR changes name, goes on-air with new alternative lineup*

By Elizabeth Millsaps/staff

We need a radio, or **WNAR** for short, finally has a radio. A radio station, that is.

"This is not a radio. This is college radio and there's a big difference," station manager and MTSU student Lisa LaCour says. "We don't need to play the number one song for our advertisers. We're here because we're tired of hearing the same damn song over and over. When I do my two hour show, I can play whatever I want to hear, as long as it's not playing somewhere else on the dial, and so can all the other DJ's."

"It's a big goal for us and all our DJ's to be different than 94," adds promotions director and student Jennifer Trippe.

About three years ago, a small group of students started trying to form their own radio station, WNAR. According to LaCour, all they have to do to start up is receive their antenna, which should be here any day. Once it's here, they have to find someone to climb the radio tower and install the antenna and tune it to their frequency. After a few tests, they'll be ready to go.

The new station isn't going to be called WNAR, though. Those call letters were already taken by an AM station.

But Murfreesboro's news station decided to help the fledgling group by giving them their call letters, WMTS. You will be able to tune into WMTS on your FM dial at 88.3 for your first taste of true college radio sometime in the first two weeks of November, and the Murfreesboro news station will now be WAPB.

WMTS is a free form radio station, which means that each DJ structures his or her own show to his or her personal tastes. The station will have music shows featuring mostly underground/alternative rock, but will also include hip hop, dance, straight edge, hard core, acid jazz and surf shows. The station is also planning talk shows, one of which will discuss campus issues and controversies; a sports talk show; and a show called Voices From the Left, discussing left wing political and social issues. There is also going to be a late night talk show that is just a funny night. The station also hopes to promote MTSU students by serving as an outlet for exposure for local bands.

"We hope to get the local thing happening. We want to air local bands and get people exposed to them so they will come out and listen. There are so many students who are into music because of the Recording Industry program and from the rest of campus that deserve to get heard. We want to get them all out there," LaCour stresses.

"We also want to get the community interested in MTSU and its students. We hope that we can help them both, if we can just get people to listen," Trippe notes. "I hope that we can get local merchants and Granny down the street here to open up and be more accepting of people and their differences."

With these new local bands, free-form programming and its talk shows, WMTS promises to be a liberating experience. ●

# Peck Hall haunted by lost student

**Building designed to lure students, keep them there**

By Jason Young/staff

Ghosts. They are the one essential element to all good ghost stories. You can't really have a ghost story without a ghost. Well, maybe you could, but it wouldn't be very scary.

I have many fond memories of sitting around camp fires and listening to people tell ghost stories about decapitated people walking up and down railroad tracks with lanterns. I even tried to make a few up. They went a little like this:

"One time, there was this guy and he, um, like, died. Then one day these people were out in the woods and they saw this guy that looked like the dead guy. So those people walking around in the woods told all their friends that they saw a (yelled very loudly) **GHOST!!!!!!**"

If you are still reading, you probably have the same look on your face that all of my friends did. After telling that story I would thank my friends for still being my friends, so now I thank you for reading this far.

One of the spookiest ghost stories I know of happened in Murfreesboro. In fact, it allegedly happened right here on the campus of MTSU. It is called, "The Legend of Peck Hall."

According to the story, Peck Hall was

designed by a rich and crazy mad scientist that hated college students named Count Von Gluten Hemoglobin Peck IV. The Count's idea was to create a building that would lure eager college students to the evil awaiting inside. The secret of the plan was to design the building so that once the students were inside, they would become so disoriented that they wouldn't know how to get back out.

I know it is hard, but imagine if his plan had worked! There would be students wandering around trying to find rooms, bathrooms and exits. It is really a stretch of the imagination (insert sarcasm).

Well, back to the ghost part. It seems that the first year the building was opened a

freshman, named Todd, got lost on the way to his English class. Nobody ever saw Todd again. Some people say that Todd decided that if he couldn't find his class, he didn't need to be in college and dropped out. If that were the case, this story would be really lame. I believe that Todd got lost in the mighty halls of Peck. His soul is condemned to an eternity of pain and agony to be spent in search of his English class and his head with a lantern and a hook for a hand so he can sneak up on people making out.

So the next time you hear something shuffling around the hallway when you are working on that exam, it may not be someone that is late for class....**IT MAY BE TODD!!!!**

Okay, thank you for being my friend. ●



# Elect Dave Barry, madman

Columnist, who agrees with Colin Powell, will be only "no-issues" candidate

By Dave Barry/ syndicated columnist

Several months ago I announced that I was willing to run for president of the United States and shoulder the immense crushing burden of accepting your cash contributions. Today I wish to reveal, in specific detail, exactly where I stand on the issues. Ready? Here goes:

I agree with Colin Powell. I say this because, according to the polls, the American public is crazy nuts in love with Colin Powell, despite the fact that the average voter has no clue what he thinks about anything. Consider your own personal self. I bet you have positive feelings toward Colin Powell, but have you actually read his book? I didn't think so. Perhaps it would surprise you to learn that, on page 23, the following statement appears:

"Everything was fine until 1953, when I was kidnapped by telepathic clams from another dimension."

And consider this statement, on page 159:

"One thing I definitely believe is, everybody should have sex with vegetables."

Is that the kind of person you want as your president? Me too! Unfortunately, I made these quotations up. But my point is that the voters have no idea what views Colin holds, and this is exactly why they like him. He doesn't bore them by droning away about the issues. Voters hate issues; that's why they hardly ever vote. That's why all these other presidential contenders, with all their positions on this and their six-point programs on that, are having so much trouble getting anybody to pay attention to them. Look what happened to Pete Wilson of California, who sings the really high part in "Help Me Rhonda."

No, wait, that's BRIAN Wilson of California. Pete Wilson is the governor, and he wanted to be president, and he kept scheduling these major public events

wherein he announced his candidacy; he'd give his Big Policy Speech, and then he'd wait for the groundswell of popular support, and...and NOTHING HAPPENED. So Pete had to announce his candidacy AGAIN. He announced it about 37 times. He was getting desperate for venues. It reached the point where he was appearing at birthday parties for preschool children, where he'd announce his candidacy, explain his policies, and make animal balloons. Finally Pete gave up and dropped out, although you parents planning preschool parties can probably still get Lamar Alexander.

You don't see Colin Powell and me stooping to that level. You see us staying up above the fray, acting statespersonlike, weighing our options, maintaining our dignity and gratefully handing out

**We could have the IRS send incomprehensible tax-due letters to everybody in, say, France, and then we'd just sit back and watch the money pour in.**

Cabinet posts in exchange for cash contributions. Or at least I am. Colin has not reached that level of statespersonship yet. So if you were planning to send a contribution to him, just to be on the safe side you'd better send it to me instead, and if he gets into the race I'll make sure he receives every single penny that is left over at that point.

At the risk of sounding as though I am taking a position on an issue, I do want to say one thing: I am in favor of the elderly. You hear a lot of talk these days about how the government cannot afford to keep giving more and more billions of dollars in Medicare and Social Security benefits to the elderly, especially to the wealthy, golf-playing, boat-owning, Lincoln-driving, mansion-dwelling, servant-lashing elderly. Well, here's what I say: I personally am well on my way to elderhood, and if I'm going to suffer from joint pain, gum disease, vision loss, irregularity, bladder

malfunction, prostate disorders, hemorrhoidal swelling and an inexplicable fondness for "Murder, She Wrote," then by gosh I WANT MONEY FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

At this point you're saying: "But Dave, the federal government is already running a horrendous deficit! Where's the money going to come from?"

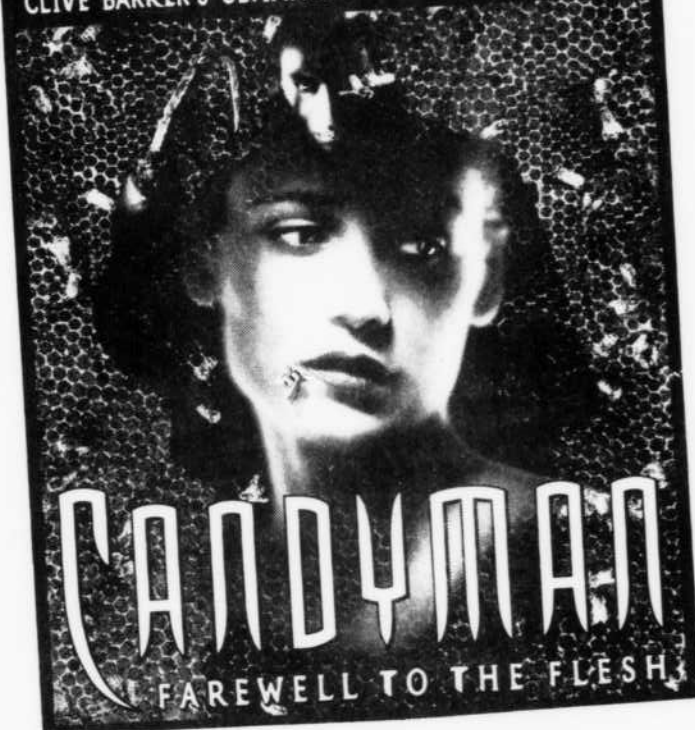
Simple: We'll raise income taxes. WAIT! COME BACK! I don't mean we'll raise income taxes on US. My plan is to raise income taxes on PEOPLE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Why would they pay? I can answer that question with three words: "Internal Revenue Service." You know those incomprehensible letters that you sometimes get from the IRS, saying that you owe them money? And you know how you always pay the money, even if you have no idea why, because you're afraid that otherwise you'll be summoned to an audit and locked in a room with a beady-eyed, totally hairless IRS agent who will demand to see every financial document you have ever possessed, including losing Lotto tickets?

Well, why wouldn't that same fundraising technique work on residents of other nations? We have the scariest IRS in the world, darn it, and I say we use it! We could have the IRS send incomprehensible tax-due letters to everybody in, say, France, and then we'd just sit back and watch the money pour in. If any French persons balked at paying, we would send an Air force bomber over there, open the doors, and drop: an auditor. Just the sight of him, swinging from his parachute, holding his briefcase in one hand and his 147-volume set of the Simplified U.S. Tax Code in the other, should be enough to ensure total compliance. We would not necessarily even need the parachute.

That's where I stand on the issue of giving more money to the elderly without anybody you know having to pay for it, and I'm sure that I speak for Colin Powell when I say, "Speaking of money, for ease of bookkeeping, we prefer a larger denomination of bill." Thank you, America, for being you. ●

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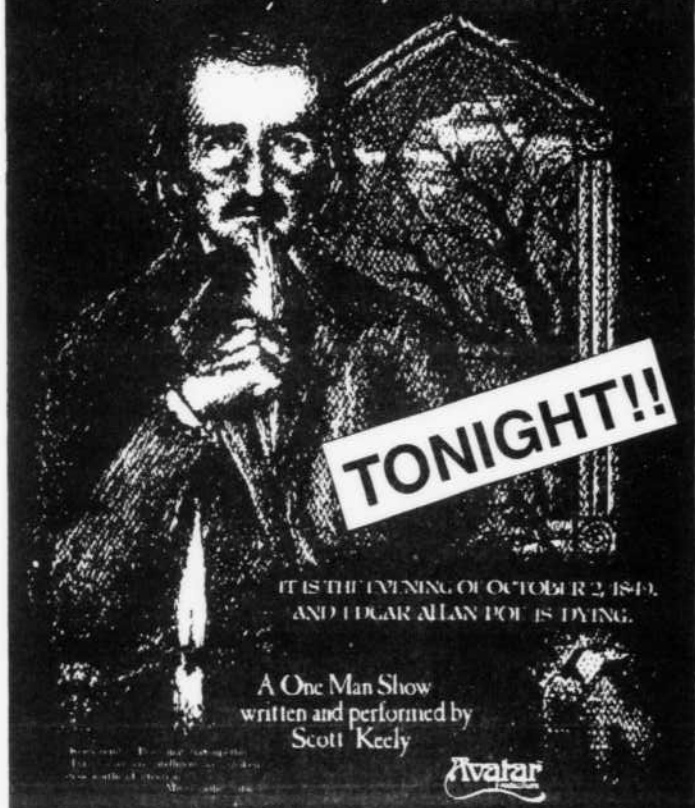
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# Travolta hot in Get Shorty

By Donnie Hitchcock/ staff

In the 1970's John Travolta popularized a fad that took America by storm.

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Then out of nowhere his career took off again when he played the part of a gangster in *Pulp Fiction*. Now he is once again one of the most sought after actors in Hollywood. The only difference today is that he is blowing people away instead of making up new dance crazes. Travolta continues to portray his *Pulp Fiction*

image in *Get Shorty*.

Chili Palmer (John Travolta) is a loan shark who is doing anything he can to get out of the business, but before he can get out he must complete one last assignment. He tracks this person down and catches up with him in Los Angeles where he runs into a B-movie producer named into Harry Zimm (Gene Hackman). Chili decides to pitch an idea he has for a movie and finds that he may like the movie industry better than loan sharking. The only problem is that Harry already is \$250,000 in debt from his last trip to Las Vegas.

Chili agrees to help Harry if he will help get Chili's movie off the ground. In the mean time he takes the time to fall in love with an actress named Karen Florres (Rene Russo). Karen agrees to help Harry get her ex-husband, Martin Wier (Danny Devito), to do the leading role. Wier is the

most sought-after actor in Hollywood.

The big names in the cast are amazing. I believe John Travolta has found his future in Hollywood by playing the role of a tough guy. He really made me believe that he is that mean. Gene Hackman portrays a role that is out of his norm, but pulls it off with amazing character. Rene Russo plays the role of a B-movie bimbo well. This is one of the first things she has done that puts her in a comic role. Danny Devito has a minor role which is uncommon for him, and there are also cameos by Bette Midler and Penny Marshall.

*Get Shorty* is a funny look at the weird world of Hollywood. It has a simple plot with good acting. *Shorty* is a very good way to spend a couple of hours, and is well worth the money. It is rated R for violence and language. ●

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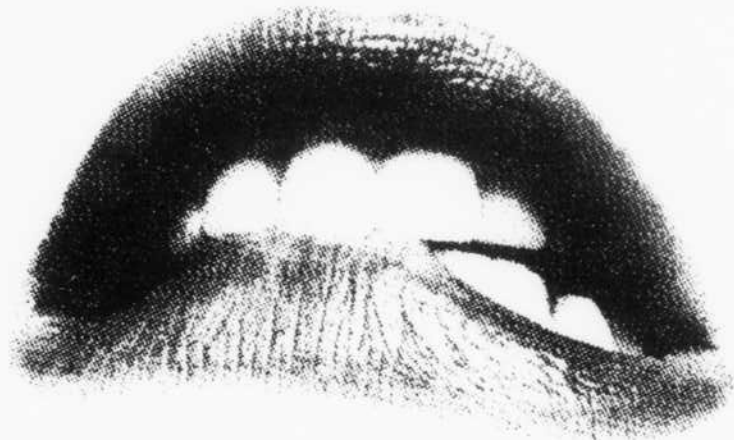
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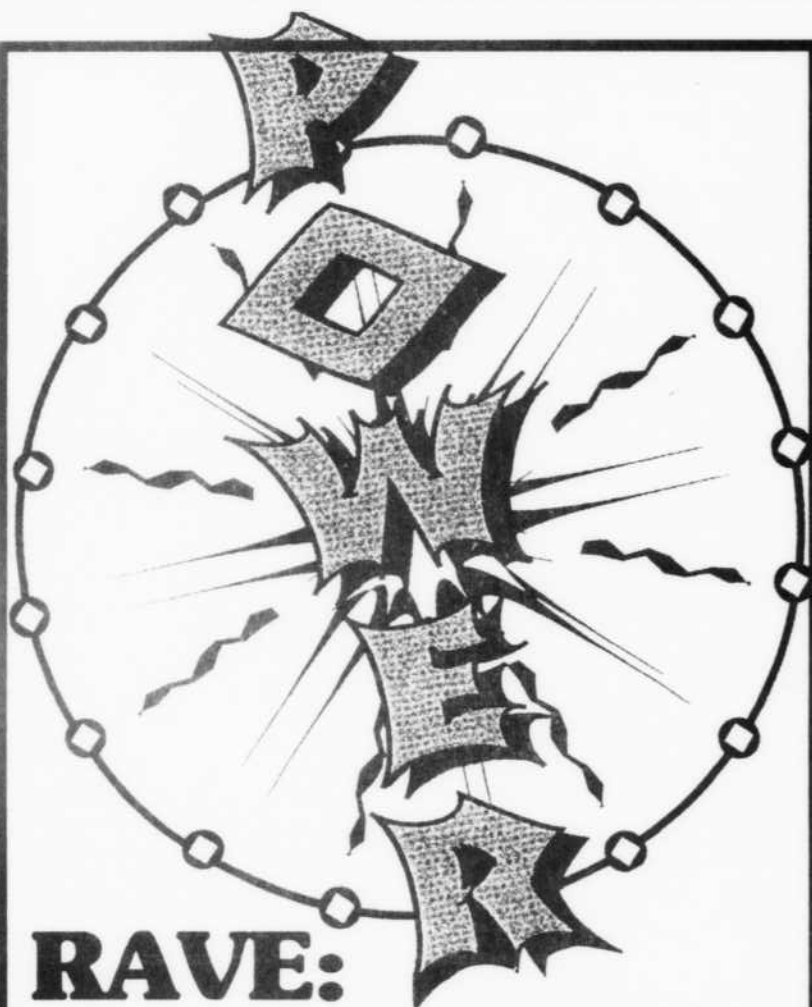
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# It's Halloween, but some traditions are not recommended due to stress factor

## Throwing toilet paper into trees, smashing pumpkins can cause tension, anxiety

By Brent Andrews/staff

Ladies and gentlemen, Halloween is here again, and with the coming of this holiday—a favorite of college students from MTSU to Oregon State—come several traditions that Spook Night would not be the same without.

■ Tradition one: Rolling trees with toilet paper.

When I was a kid, I would go to great lengths to have fun on Halloween. It didn't matter that I lived so far out in the country that the nearest house was several hundred feet away through a thick forest of cedar trees. If it was Halloween, you can bet that I was intent on having fun.

One of the ways that I liked to have fun was trick or treating, but that was often out of the question because there were only five houses close enough to mine to get candy from before my mom had to go and get more gasoline for her car. Another way that I liked to have fun was by being a miscreant, behaving in ways that I normally wouldn't because, hey, Halloween only came once a year.

The first Halloween that I discovered how much fun rolling was, my friend and I armed ourselves with rolls of toilet paper (stolen from my parents' bathroom) and went out looking for a victim. Since it was so far to walk to get to my neighbor's house, and since I would be the most obvious culprit in the crime because I was one of two kids in the area, I decided on a couple of fine trees in my own backyard for my first adventure in rolling.

My friend and I did an excellent rolling job on those two tall, stoic cedar trees. We worked ourselves into

a frenzy tossing satisfyingly white rolls of toilet paper into the trees over and over again until the cedars looked like Egyptian mummies in my backyard.

It rained that night, and there was a frightening storm when, early the next morning, my parents found the toilet paper hanging limply in the trees. There was no doubt about who had done the deed, and my friend and I spent the day after Halloween cleaning up the gloppy mess.

This said, I come to only one conclusion on rolling: Don't, under any circumstances (even if your nearest neighbors are a hundred miles away), try this at home.

■ Tradition two: pumpkin smashing.

One of the vilest crimes that can be committed on Halloween, pumpkin smashing is a miscreant behavior that can only be engaged in once a year. Through my exhaustive research, I have found that this is the main reason for the prevalence of pumpkin smashing on Spook Night.

I was thirteen when I first dabbled in pumpkin smashing. My friend's parents were out of town and he had the keys to his fathers truck, so a few of us decided to ride around in the back and get pumpkins to smash. While my friend careened through our neighborhood (I had moved out of the country), we held on tight to the rails of the truck and, despite this, were slammed against the cab painfully every time he spotted a pumpkin perched on someone's front porch. Since it was Halloween, there were lots of pumpkins, and my friend slammed on the brakes lots of times, sending those of us in the back slamming against the cab enough

times to make me sore for a few days after Halloween.

When we tired of driving around throwing pumpkins out of the back of the truck, we decided to set up an experiment to answer a question that had been nagging us all: What would happen if we set up a bunch of pumpkins in the middle of the road, then waited for a car to come along and run over them?

We set up the large, glowing orange vegetables in a dark spot on the road, and waited for the next car to come along. While we waited, we ate some of the candy we had managed to get while smashing pumpkins. The road was a busy one, and we were sure that someone would come along and run over the pumpkins soon.

Thirty minutes later we were still waiting. For the first time in history the road that we were watching (from the safety of a large holly bush) was entirely free of traffic. Then, without warning, something large and silver streaked down the road and ran over all of our pumpkins. It sounded like a car, we thought to ourselves.

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But the thing that ran over our pumpkins was not an ordinary car. It was a huge, disfigured monster car with pipes and rods sticking out of the hood, the words HELLRSR printed on the license plate. It stopped for a moment after running over the pumpkins, and my friends and I could read the bumper sticker on the back clearly: "I'D RATHER BE KICKING YOUR ASS," it said. With our uncanny perceptive abilities, we all

realized at the same time that we were in trouble.

The monster car paused shortly, then began reversing at a terrifying speed, it's smoking back tires throwing large chunks of concrete in all directions while the pipes sticking out of its hood screamed and blew out large blasts of fire. The flying concrete mixed with pumpkin material to create a hazardous maelstrom of debris as the car came closer and closer, its dark-tinted windows hiding whatever beast was behind the wheel. When it stopped right in front of our holly bush, I knew that our hiding place had been busted and it was time to flee the scene.

I turned to see where my friends were running but was stunned to find that they were all gone. I was alone, with nowhere to run. Frantically looking for any sign of my once-brave friends, I stood still in shock while two large, angry guys got out of the monster car. I turned to face them, knowing that I could never escape. Resolved to my doom, I watched them approach me, their long hair parted

guys were in no hurry. They were real heavyweights, each with several dangerous-looking rings on his fingers. I could see, or thought I could, the impressions on their knuckles from the last group of children they had pulverized.

Amazingly enough, I ended up talking my way out of getting killed without so much as a slap. I told the guys I didn't do anything—heaven knows I would have run away with the rest of my friends if I had—and they seemed to believe me. I complemented them on their t-shirts, giving extra consideration to the smears of blood and body parts that looked so real. I liked the chainsaw near the bottom, I told them, especially the way it dripped blood and strings of flesh. I told them I had wanted to go the the Killer Blood Death Satan show too, but my parents made me stay at home. After all that, they hung around long enough to make me even more nervous, then, the one with the comb shaking his perfectly feathered hair out of his eye, they left me with a message for my friends:

"Tell them they're dead meat."

Does this lead me to a conclusion on pumpkin smashing? You bet it does: Don't ever do this, especially if the thought of angry guys in concrete-chunking monster cars wearing satan shirts and wanting to beat you to a pulp makes you have to go to the bathroom really bad. ●

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# Lady Raider volleyball falls at SEMO, drops to second place in conference

By Rob Nunley/staff

The Lady Raider volleyball team lost to conference foe Southeast Missouri Friday night, ending the team's consecutive matches won streak and knocking them from first place in the OVC.

Middle had extended their streak to ten consecutive victories with a 3-1 victory over Evansville last Thursday (15-8, 13-15, 15-7, 16-14).

Sophomore outside hitter Yanira Santiago recorded 24 kills and 15 digs in the four-game match with the Aces. Deb Anderson added 16 kills and five service aces, and junior middle blocker Angie Parkinson contributed 13 kills to the win. Setter Nidza Castillo had another splendid match, racking up 65 assists and 4 service aces.

But the hammer fell on the Lady Raiders the following night, in the form of a 3-1 loss to the Indians of Southeast Missouri (9-15, 10-15, 18-16, 6-15). Kissee offered no excuses for her team's poor showing in Cape Girardeau.

"We played very poorly all around," Kissee said. "Our blocking, our coverage of hitters, everything seemed to just fall apart. Our first reaction was that we seemed to be dragging physically, but that's no excuse because in a big match like that you should be able to get over that sort of thing."

A main factor Kissee cited as attributing to the Raider loss was a lack of mental focus on the match. The coach said that he team has not yet adjusted to playing well in matches and still making practicing and playing enjoyable.

"It seems the only way we can

have fun is to lose focus, and we haven't learned not to be satisfied with second place," Kissee said. "Maybe we didn't believe we could beat them before we even got there."

Kissee noted that the Lady Raiders committed a lot of unforced errors on offense, and gave the Indians a lot of opportunities.

"On defense it was almost as if we expected them to get a kill," Kissee said.

**"Hopefully we can learn something from this (loss). We saw a lot of mistakes that we're going to have to work on."**

Lisa Kissee  
Lady Raider  
head volleyball coach

Coach Kissee also said that a particularly poor officiating job at the match might have been a factor in her squad's loss of focus. According to the coach, several questionable calls were made, so questionable in fact that she felt obligated to protest the officiating and ask for a different official.

Kissee said that the officiating may have been one of the causes behind her team's poor concentration, but added that outside occurrences such as how the match was called should not have gotten to the Lady Raiders.

"In this kind of match you should be so intense that those kind of errors don't happen," Kissee said.

The only bright spot of the SEMO match was in game three, when the Lady Raiders held the Indians for

seven match points and came back to win the game, 18-16. Santiago tied a school record for kills in a game with 14 in game three.

"It was great to come back and win game three," Kissee said. "But in game four it was like our attitude was 'O.k., we won one, now we're done.'"

"Hopefully we can learn something from this (loss)," Kissee added. "We saw a lot of mistakes that we're going to have to work on."

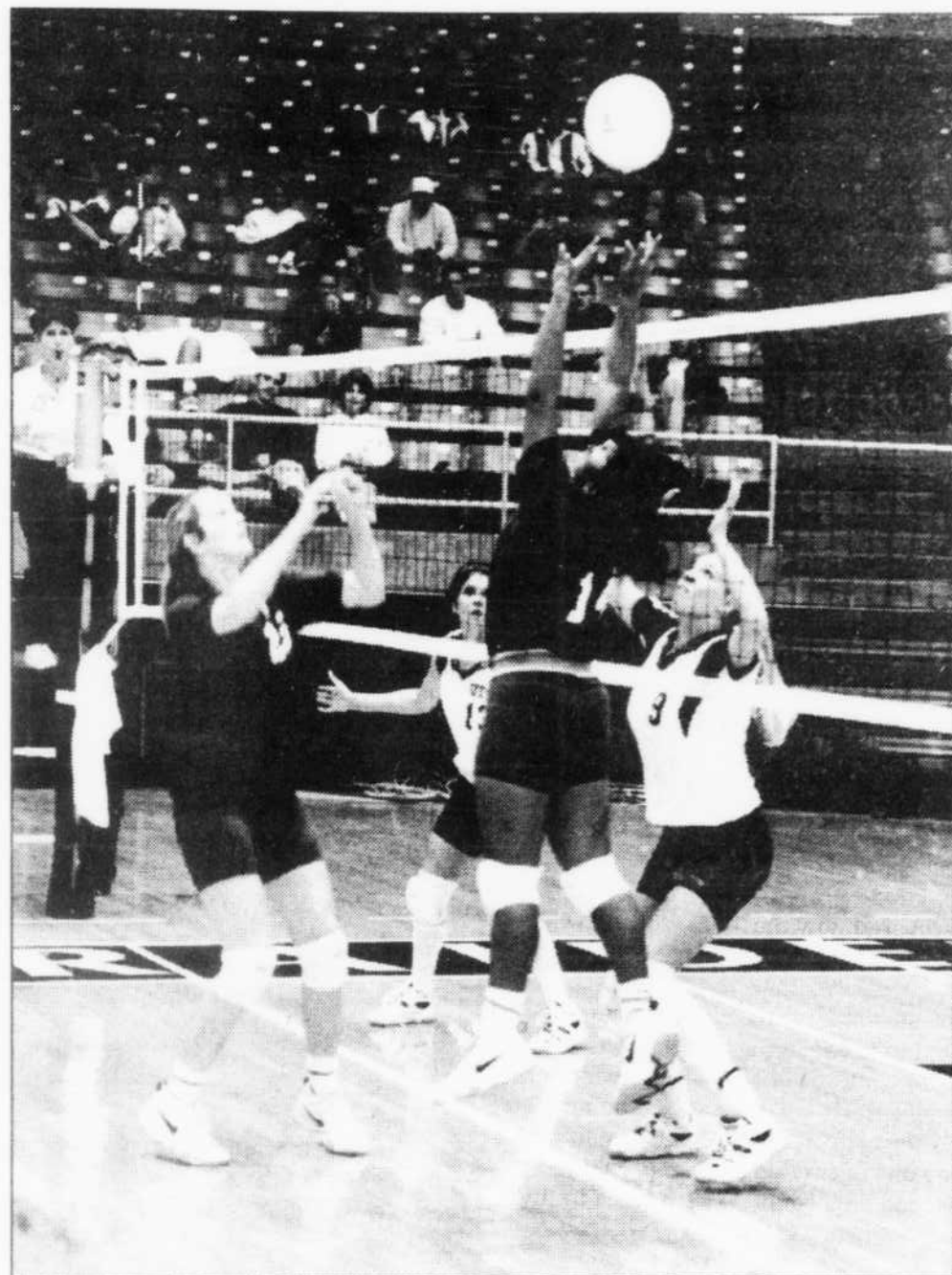
The Raiders finished the weekend's action with a 3-0 victory over UT-Martin (15-11, 15-3, 15-5). Santiago and Tara Miller had 10 kills apiece, and Miller hit a .500 attack percentage. Susan Bishop added nine kills and a .643 percentage, and Parkinson recorded eight kills (.700 percentage). Tanya Maltes had seven kills and ten digs in the three game match, and Castillo added 36 assists and nine digs.

Last week's performance moved the Lady Raiders' record to 21-6 on the year, while their conference record moved to 9-3. To hope for at least a tie for the OVC title, the Raiders need SEMO to lose to either Eastern Kentucky or Morehead.

Kissee and the Raiders have 10 practices and seven matches remaining before the OVC tournament starts November 17 at Morehead.

The team will travel to Samford Wednesday night before returning home this Friday, November 3 to face Murray State. The team will play at home again next Tuesday against Tennessee Tech.

"Our goal now is to play solidly and win those matches before the conference tournament," Kissee said. "Every match is going to be preparation for the tournament." ●



Ken Robinson

Setter Nidza Castillo (14) recorded 149 assists in three Lady Raider volleyball matches last week. The Raiders host Murray State Friday night at Murphy Center.

## Blue Raider center out with jaw fracture

Staff Reports

Blue Raider senior David Washington, a 6-10 center from Albion, Mich., will be out for 6-10 weeks with a fractured jaw sustained in practice Thursday.

In an announcement Friday morning, Blue Raider head coach David Farrar said, "David's jaw is broken in two places after he sustained the injury in a rebounding drill during yesterday's practice. His doctors have told us his recovery time between now and Washington when he could be able to play again could range from six to ten weeks."

Washington underwent a four-hour operation on Friday, and doctors were reportedly optimistic about a smooth recovery.

If Washington is out for six weeks, he could miss as few as four of the Raiders' games at the start of the 1995-96 season. Ten weeks of recovery time would mean he could miss as many as 10 games.

Washington played in 22 games (starting 20) for the Blue Raiders last year after transferring from the University of Minnesota. He was the team's second-leading scorer with an average of 11.4 points per game and its second-leading rebounder at 5.7 per game. He hit 52.2 percent of his shots from the floor and scored a season-high 20 points against Southern University in Murfreesboro last Jan. 11.

In Washington's absence, the starting center job for the Blue Raiders will most likely be shared between returnees Chad Wampler, a 6-8 junior from Chuckey, Tenn., Brent Secrest, a 6-7 senior from Houston, and newcomer Aylton Tesch, a 6-8 junior from Vitoria, Brazil. ●

# Lady Raider basketball team set to defend OVC title this season



Carl E. Lambert/staff

Senior guard Trella Thomas brings quickness, tenacious defense and strong penetration to the Lady Raider offensive attack.

By Rob Nunley/staff

The defending OVC co-champion Lady Raider basketball team is busily preparing to repeat last year's performance.

Coach Lewis Bivens's squad surprised many basketball insiders last season by finishing tied for the regular season lead, and Bivens is beginning his ninth year at the helm of the Lady Raiders confident that his team has made the off-season improvements necessary to reach the top again.

The Lady Raider head coach was quick to praise this year's group of athletes and the coaching staff that works with them.

"I've been in coaching a long time, and on and off the floor this is probably the most enjoyable bunch of kids we've had to deal with," Bivens said. "They're great kids as far as attitude and work ethic, and I've also got a great staff in Stephany Smith and Al Warmley."

"We've got a very cohesive group, and that's going to mean a lot in the long run."

One of the main reasons the Lady Raiders are being looked at as one of the teams to watch this season is the experience that the team has

returned. The 95-96 Lady Raider roster boasts nine returning letterwinners and four starters from last year.

"We're very deep, the deepest team I have ever had in coaching," Bivens said. "We could play 12, 13 or 14 people right now. We could go that deep and it wouldn't concern me at all."

"Even though we've got a lot of older kids, we've got a lot of younger kids that are going to play a lot," Bivens added. "The fact that Heather Prater, Trella Thomas, Melanie Patchen and Jessica Beatty have been through some big games before helps anytime you get in those kinds of ballgames."

One of the main areas that Bivens and his staff have been concentrating on this fall is the team's defense. Assistant coach Stephany Smith has been in charge of working with the defense this fall, and according to Bivens the team has spent two to three times as much practice time on defensive drills as in years past.

Bivens said that this year's version of the Lady Raiders has three or four people that he calls 'stoppers' - meaning people that can stop the

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## ON THE LINE

### INSTRUCTIONS

Place a mark beside your predicted winner. Entries must be received no later than Fri., November 3.

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## PICKS OF THE WEEK

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	UT-Martin at MTSU			LSU at Alabama	
	Tenn. Tech at TSU			Missouri at Kansas	
	Morehead at SEMO			Oklahoma at Kansas St.	
	Eastern Ky. at Murray			Oregon at Washington	
	So. Miss at Tennessee			Iowa St. at Nebraska	
	Kentucky at Vanderbilt			Texas Tech at Texas	
	Ole Miss at Memphis			Penn St. at N'Western	
	ETSU at Marshall			Elon at Wofford	

## Congratulations!

Brent Fiore finished with the best record for week seven. Fiore correctly picked 13 out of 16 games over the weekend.

His 13-3 performance improved Fiore's overall record to 78-30 for the year, and put him in first place overall.

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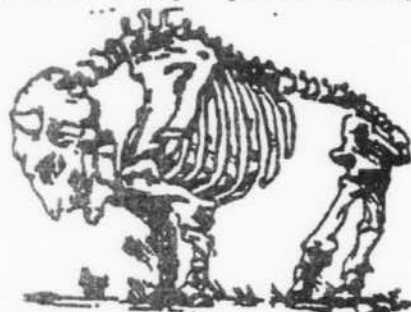
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## HOOPS: Raiders recruit size to solidify post game

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movement of the basketball on defense. The Lady Raider head coach stressed the importance of having a strong defensive game.

"Your defense makes it easier for your offense," Bivens said. "We felt like the one weakness we had last year was that we were more of a finesse team. We wanted to become a little more physical, and be the pusher instead of the pushee. So we're going to try to gear it up a little more defensively and become a little more aggressive."

Last season, perimeter scoring was the biggest weapon in the Lady Raiders' arsenal. 3-point shooting will probably continue to play a key role in Middle's overall offensive attack, especially with Heather Prater, who last year led the nation in 3-point percentage, starting at guard. To complement the outside shooting efficiency of Prater and returning starter Jessica Beaty, Middle procured the services of Kim Francis, who sat out last year after transferring to MTSU from Southwest Baptist University. Francis, who finished second in division II in 3-point percentage in the 1992-93 season, should see time at both the point guard and off guard position this year.

Other members of the Lady Raider squad returning this season include: Trella Thomas, one of the strongest defenders and quickest players on the roster, Natalie Sneed, a strong penetrator and good ball handler who was chosen to the OVC all-freshman team last year, and Alice Jackson, a sophomore who walked on last year and was a strong contributor off the bench.

Among the newcomers who will be fighting for playing time on the perimeter are Heather Edmondson, Carlita Elder and Cortney Neeley. Edmondson, a 5-10 guard from Knoxville, will spend time at the off guard and small forward positions. Her accuracy from 3-point range will be a very nice addition to

the already potent Lady Raider outside game.

Elder, a 5-10 two-guard who like Francis also attended Oakland, is a very quick player with a strong jump shot who can drive to the basket very easily.

Neeley is considered to be a recruiting steal. A talented shooter with very good quickness, the 5-8 guard from Union City, Tennessee is looking to succeed Prater at the point guard position in years to come.

In addition to the perimeter game, the Raiders are hoping to add a strong post game to their offensive gameplan this season. Post

players Melanie Patchen, Nikki Edwards and Julie Eve are all back for the 1995-96 season, as is 6-1 forward Kara Hobbs, who sat out last season due to an injury.

Joining the Lady Raiders' inside game are 6-2 freshman Jonelda Buck and 6-1 center Amanda Bevis, a transfer from Shoals Community College. This depth in the post game should increase the Raiders' ability to spread the floor, and give them a much more balanced offensive attack.

"We've increased our size, and hopefully increased our ability to score in there," Bivens said. "We'd like to

have more of a balance in our offense this year than we had last year."

The Lady Raiders' season will begin at home this year, as once again the team will host the Sports Belle Classic. Other schools competing in the Classic, to begin November 24, include perennial power Ole Miss, Western Kentucky and OVC rival Tennessee Tech.

"I think if you're going to have a good program you have to play good people," Bivens said. "You may take a few lumps, but at least you'll know what you have to do to be really competitive against the better teams in division I." ●



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### Drivin' the lane

Junior forward Jessica Beaty takes the ball inside during a game last season. Last year Beaty was one of the conference leaders in 3-point shooting percentage.

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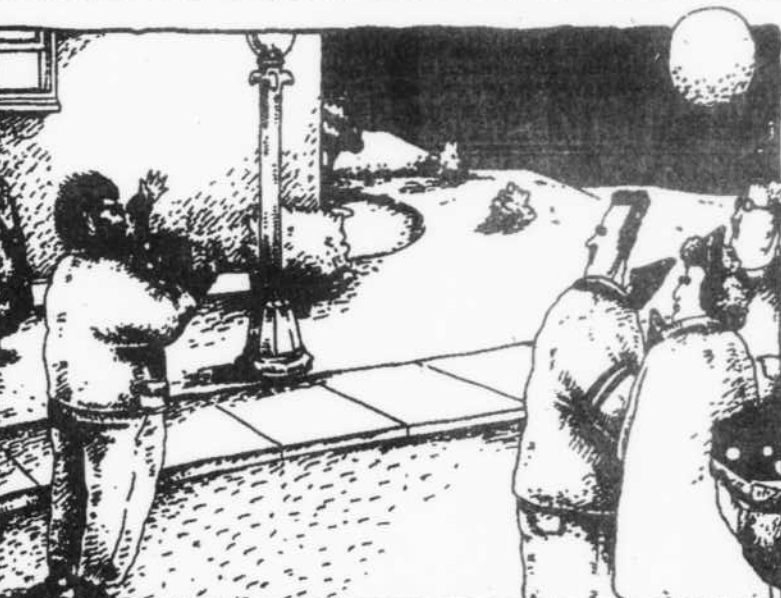
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## NBA star arrested for assaulting woman

Associated Press

TORONTO — Alvin Robertson of the Toronto Raptors was arrested over the weekend for allegedly assaulting a Toronto woman.

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He is to appear in court again Friday, when the Raptors open their season at home that night against New Jersey.

Robertson spent Saturday night in jail and is barred from contact with the woman as part of his bail agreement.

"On advice of my counsel, I'm not at liberty to discuss the matter," Robertson said Sunday after the Raptors lost 96-89 to Cleveland in an exhibition game.

The 33-year-old guard will remain with the NBA expansion team. Robertson is returning to the NBA after a two-year absence because of a back injury.

"I've always felt if a person is accused, he's not guilty," coach Brendan Malone said.

"He asked me if he could play (against Cleveland) and I said, 'Why not?'"

Robertson had his worst game of the preseason, scoring just four points while committing six turnovers and four fouls in 24 minutes.

"I was kind of anxious to get back on the basketball court because that's where I'm most comfortable," he said. "I think I was a little rushed at the start."

Malone said he expects Robertson to continue making important contributions to the team.

"He's been our leader, a hard worker and he's done everything we've asked of him," the coach said. "He's embarrassed."

General manager Isiah Thomas said the team has no immediate plans to discipline Robertson.

"From an organizational standpoint, any type of violence or that kind of behavior we don't condone," he said. "But we have to wait to see what happens."

"He's disappointed at the situation he finds himself in. You can speculate a lot but you can't say anything really until you see all the facts on the table." ●

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