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Adult Center will hold open house

DAVE JENKINS
Special to *Sidelines*

The Adult Learning Center will have an open house for adult students from 5:30 until 8:30 p.m. Thursday in Peck Hall Room 103A.

The ALC, a new addition to the campus services, is holding the event to help adult students feel more at home on campus. The Tennessee Board of Regents defines adult students as being over age 23 or out of school for two years or more.

The ALC will provide free refreshments, orientation and later a Sock Hop dance. "The open house will be a very casual affair, and all interested students are encouraged to drop in," said Diane Bowden, director of the Adult Learning Center.

The ALC was started by Bowden, herself an adult learner, with the assistance of Dr. Jeannette Heritage. "The way the concept came about, I was conducting a survey for a paper in one of Dr. Heritage's classes, and I realized there was a need for a conduit of campus

services for students who would usually not be able to take advantage of campus activities," Bowden said.

Bowden, along with Heritage, convinced administrative officials to approve the center, which serves about 25 students per day. "We hope all adult learner students will take advantage of their center; it is here to help," Bowden said.

The ALC has been trying to put in place many services to assist the adult learner in being successful and encourages feedback from them.

Open since the beginning of the semester, the ALC has already succeeded in getting some administrative offices hours extended to 6 p.m. every Tuesday.

The ALC is located on the first floor of the Keathley University Center building and is open 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Tuesday and closes at 2:00 p.m. on Friday. For more information, students can contact the ALC at 898-5989.

Organizations get half requested activity money

SHELLEY MAYS
Special to *Sidelines*

Forty-three student organizations have been allocated \$39,000, nearly half of what they requested, from funds generated by the student activity fee.

The money was allocated last Thursday by the dean of students and a committee of six.

The \$3 student activity fee, which is charged to any student taking seven or more credit hours, produced \$48,000 for this semester, but the student groups requested about \$68,800.

"We had \$68,000 requested and only \$50,000 to allocate, but you can not give everybody everything they want, and sometimes the request is not legitimate," Dean of Students Paul Cantrell said.

The money assists student

organizations — of which there are 140 on campus — in conventions, scholarships, competitive meets and operating costs.

The Tennessee Inter-collegiate State Legislature was awarded the most money, \$2,950, which will be used for transportation and food expenses.

Group affiliated with the homecoming activities received \$2,600 for operating the Chili Cook Off, Walk-a-thon and the Sock Hop dance.

The MTSU Flying Raiders were given \$2,500 to cover hotel and travel expenses when competing against other schools.

The Bowling Club received \$1,540 for tournament costs, while the Rugby Team got \$1,250 for uniforms and referee costs.

Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity was allocated \$1,000 for a trip to Chicago for Career Days, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was allotted \$1,095 for alumni activities.

These students groups apply for funds through the dean of students' office and then appear in front of a committee of three students and three faculty members.

"Each organization which is rewarded money is not for every student, but as long as it furthers MTSU in some form or fashion, it's acceptable," Student Government Association President Shawn Burgess said.

Not allocated from the student fees was \$9,000, which Burgess said is placed in a special emergency fund.

Program receives funding

The House recently approved \$250,000 to benefit the air traffic controller training program at Middle Tennessee State University, U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon said.

"MTSU has a long-running commitment to aerospace education," said Gordon, who represents Rutherford and 16 other Middle Tennessee counties in the Sixth District. "This funding will be a real benefit to students interested in air traffic control and expand the

university's already outstanding reputation."

"Improving students' early training will have short- and long-range benefits by making our nation's airways and airports safer. That is particularly important with the current shortage of qualified air traffic controllers," Gordon said.

The money, which was included in the \$14.3 billion Transportation Appropriations

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Shelley Mays/Photographer

RELAXING AND STUDYING: Melvyn Adkerson, a computer science major, does a little outside studying on campus.

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How much does a student's opinion really count to MTSU's administration?

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Blue Raiders do better than expected in unequal match-up with Florida State Seminoles.

Campus Capsule

The **Vegetarian Society of MTSU** invites everyone to an introductory sign-up meeting, on Monday, Oct. 21 from 12:00 - 1:00, Wednesday, Oct. 23 from 2:00 - 3:00, or Thursday, Oct. 24 from 4:00 - 5:00 in Keathley University Center room 312. For more information, contact Nicole Sikora at 898-4274.

As part of the Homecoming activities, there will be a **Canned Food Drive** on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Picnic Pavilion next to Murphy Center. All MTSU students, faculty, and staff, as well as the community, are encouraged to give in order to make this food drive successful. All canned goods will go to the Rutherford County and Smyrna - Laverne Food Banks. For more information, contact the SGA office at 898-2464.

Students for Environmental Action meet every Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Keathley University Center room 305.

The **Society for Human Resource Management** will be holding its next meeting on Oct.

22, 1991 at 4:00 p.m. in Peck Hall room 313. The guest speaker will be John Brandon, the Director of Salary, Staffing, and Development from Textron Aerostructures in Nashville. The topic area will be "The Changing of the Workforce." Everyone is encouraged to attend our meeting.

The **Blue Brigade Male Precision Drill Team** is looking for any interested males to join this semester. You do not have to be a member of ROTC to join. If interested, our meetings are every Monday and Thursday at 3:30 at Forrest Hall.

Phi Beta Lambda will have a caramel apple sale on Oct. 30 & 31 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the lobby of the Keathley University Center.

A.S.C.E. (Association of Secretarial and Clerical Employees) will be having their meeting Monday, Oct. 21, 6 p.m. at Demos. Our main speakers for the evening will be Dr. Patrick Doyle discussing the Bonnie McHenry Scholarship and Lin Kemp speaking on the Challenge Program. Also our cookbooks

Nurses Career Day will be held on Monday, Nov. 4, 1991 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Representatives from approximately forty hospitals will be present to talk with nursing students or other students interested in health occupations. Students are invited to visit with these recruiters.

The **Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center** will host devotionals every Monday at 7:00 p.m., and every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Please come! Everyone is welcome! We are located at 1105 E. Bell Street, directly across from Bell Street Parking lot.

"Application for **Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges** are now available in the SGA Office, Keathley University Center Room 304. Deadline for applications is November 7, 1991.

Campus Recreation will be sponsoring **Billiards in the KUC** Game room Oct. 23-24. The cost is \$3.00 per participant. The deadline sign-up meeting will be Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Gym. For more information call Campus Rec at 898-2104.

The **Student Government Association** will be sponsoring an **SGA Luncheon Forum** on Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 11:50-1:00 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Haunted Hayride September 27 thru Halloween Night Fri. - Sat. - Sun. Starting at dusk. Weekdays on request. Adults - \$5.00, children under 12 and over 60 - \$3.00. For further information call (615) 896-1338.

The "**Great Bowls of Fire**" **Chili cook-off** will be held Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. in the Livestock Pavilion. Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door and will be available in the SGA office of the Keathley University Center. A table will also be in the bottom of the KUC Oct. 18, 21, and 22 for anyone interested in buying tickets before the cook-off.

Everybody get ready for **Timex Fitness Week** Oct. 21 - 26. Campus Recreation will be sponsoring Water Volleyball on Oct. 21, an Aerobic Danceathon Tues. Oct. 22, and a free Aerobics class on Thurs. Oct. 24. Prizes will be given out!! For more information call Campus Rec at 898-2104

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MTSU's Lambda Association will be meeting on Oct. 22. Anyone interested in attending any of these meetings should contact MTSU P.O. 624 for further information.

Looking Forward, an on campus support group for the survivors of childhood sexual abuse and rape, will be meeting every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Keathley University Center room 315. For further information call Jo Ann at 898-5989.

The **MTSU Student Catholic Center** is welcoming all Catholic students to join them for a question and answer session Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Catholic Student Center. There is also a mass at St. Rose Catholic church on Sunday at 7 p.m. For details call: 896-6074.

The **Fall Honors Lecture Series** continues Oct. 21 when Jackie Jackson of English speaks on The Harlem Renaissance.

Campus Alcoholics Anonymous Unity Group meets Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m. in Keathley University Center 312.

The **Seventh Day Adventist** fellowship welcomes students to campus and invites anyone to contact call the fellowship president Eugene Rankins at 898-3924 (wk) or 890-7452 (hm) or Frank Michello at 898-2491 (wk) or 898-3896 (hm).

Middle Tennessee Christian Student Center will host a

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devotional followed by a Christian Fellowship every Monday at 7 p.m.

Join College Worship at the **Presbyterian Student Fellowship** every Wednesday from 9:00-10:00 p.m. on 615 N. TN Blvd.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet every Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m. in the Blue Raider Room under the home side bleachers of the football field. For more information call John at 3051 or write to FCA box 20.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship would like you to join them Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. at Keathley University Center room 313.

The NAACP will meet every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in the Keathley University Center.

WNAR (We Need A Radio) will be in the KUC Tues. & Wed. to find out what you, the students, want to hear.

The Pre-Law Society will be having a guest speaker on Tuesday, October 29 at 6:00 pm at Peck Hall room 208. All members are asked to attend and bring a friend.

The M.T.S.U. Adult Service Center is sponsoring an open house Thursday, October 24 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in Peck Hall 103A. Exhibitors from

M.T.S.U. and the community will be available to address the needs of the adult learners, returning students and any interested persons. Refreshments will be served.

MTSU's English Honor Society will be meeting at 4:15 on Wednesday, Oct. 23 in Peck Hall 108. All English majors and minors are invited to attend.

Sign-up to play volleyball. You can play coed volleyball or Divisions such as Men's - A, B, Rec, Greek, Dorm, or Women's - Rec, Greek, Dorm. The cost is a \$10.00 forfeit deposit per team. The deadline to sign-up is Oct 21st. There will be a sign-up meeting that day at 5:30 p.m. in the AMG in room 219. For more information call Campus Rec 898-2104.

MTSU Observatory will have open house October 22, 1991 8-10:00 p.m. Public Invited.

Campus Capsule is a service provided by *Sidelines* for non-profit campus groups. If you have a notice that you would like to run in *Campus Capsule*, please submit typewritten or printed information to our office in the James Union Building, Room 310. Items must be received by Tuesday at noon for Thursday's publication and noon Friday for Monday's publication. Inclusion is not guaranteed and is based on available space.



Nena Allen

Artist visits university

Nena Allen told students recently it wasn't magic that she had a chance to go to Ireland and Antarctica. It was hard work. The magic came later.

Allen, a native of Murfreesboro and the granddaughter of Arthur and Nena Shacklett, was in her hometown Oct. 6 to celebrate the opening of her exhibit and talk to art students and faculty about her recent trip to Antarctica. The show of pastels inspired by those trips opened in the Art Barn Gallery at MTSU and runs through the end of this month. Allen donated a piece valued at \$2,500 to the university at the opening reception.

What she does describe as magic "is what's in the pictures. I can't explain it. It happens when I go into the studio and just do it."

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New license may save lives

Tennessee driver licenses will be redesigned to include a space for organ and tissue donor signatures, Safety Commissioner Robert Lawson said.

"The license and the renewal by mail sticker will include an organ and tissue donor statement," the commissioner said.

Before the redesigned licenses are issued, Lawson said the Department of Safety will deplete the supply it has in stock.

"We have about one million licenses and stickers on hand," Lawson said. "Those should be gone in about a year and then we will begin using the new design."

Tennessee dropped the statement form licenses in 1988, but continued to provide separate donor cards and organ stickers for donors to place on their licenses.

Lawson said the department has promoted organ and tissue donations by publishing and distributing 600,000 brochures and establishing a computerized list of donors. The computerized information is available to organ procurement agencies 24 hours a day.

"We have continued our involvement in this important

program," the commissioner said. "In addition to the brochures and the help desk, our new change-or-address forms include a detachable organ donor card. We also have special pouches available for organ donors' driver licenses."

Silver Point resident Bob Cantwell said he welcomes the commissioner's decision to include a donor statement on licenses. The retired CIA officer became active in the organ donor program after his wife, Marge, died in 1989.

"People don't realize how much personal emotional benefit is derived," he said.

Families should discuss their desires before tragedy strikes. "The time to do this is before you're in some kind of emotional crunch," he said.

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Scholars converge for conference

Speakers from 25 states and two Canadian provinces are expected to join scholars, teachers and students from Middle Tennessee State University Oct. 24 - 26 for the first Southeastern Conference on John Milton.

MTSU English Professors Charles W. Durham and Kevin Donovan, two of three conference directors, hope to hold the conference every two years.

"One of the unique things about the conference is that it's the first in the country of this sort," Durham said.

Registration for the conference is \$50 before Friday. Registration received after Friday is \$60.

For more information, contact Durham at 898-2668 or Donovan at 898-2857.

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Angelou discusses poetry

TONYA MEEK
Special to Sidelines

Maya Angelou, noted author and civil rights activist, delivered a speech on Afro-American women's poetry at Murphy Center Oct. 16 to a crowd of more than 2,000.

Angelou expressed how happy she was to have the opportunity to uplift the June Anderson Women's Center because of all the help it provides to women.

"I feel it would be a wonderful challenge for English professors to teach black American poetry," Angelou said.

"I also think that black American poetry could open

minds because it is more magical, mystical and romantic."

Angelou recited several of her own poems, including "The Seven Women's Blessed Assurance," which is about seven black women describing themselves as beautiful, and "Our Grandmother," written for all women from the past to the present.

During the speech, Angelou combined songs and poetry with her own beliefs about human nature.

"We all really know what is right and wrong," Angelou said.

"We are not really unequal because without men there would be no women, and without women there would be

no men."

Angelou expressed her feelings of equality for all, whether black or white, men or women.

In order for there to be equality, Angelou encouraged everyone to have courage because without courage she thinks people cannot be consistent in their beliefs.

"Everyone has gone to bed with fear, pain, and guilt, but we have risen and we continue to rise in spite of it all," Angelou said.

She told of how amazing she thinks the "human spirit" is. She also said that no matter how oppressed people are, they find the strength to keep going.

Vegetarian society starts semester

CHARLES ROBERT HARRIS
Special to Sidelines

A group of students has formed a Vegetarian Society.

The organization will be meeting noon to 1 p.m. today, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday in Room 312 of Keathley University Center to explain the benefits of vegetarianism and recruit new members.

Nicole Sikora, the organization's president, said the group will offer guidance on food preparation and would like to organize potluck dinners on a regular basis.

core" vegetarian for two years and said she is more energetic and healthier since giving up meat completely.

Dr. Thomas Strawman, the organization's campus adviser, has been a vegetarian for 16 years and said that vegetarianism offers moral, environmental and health benefits that go beyond what many people imagine.

"Vegetarianism is a kind of lifestyle that recognizes the scarcity of resources and likes to gain nutrition from fruits and grains," Strawman said.

"It requires about seven pounds of grain to get one pound of meat protein," Strawman said, adding that "we could get that straight from the grain."

Sikora said that the animal rights issue cannot be ignored.

"I really want to do away with animal abuse in general," Sikora said.

"I think we sometimes lose sight of what happens to the animal before we get that nice piece of packaged meat," Strawman said in response to those who might argue that meat fits into the natural food chain.

"Vegetarianism," Strawman said, "is cheaper, it's healthier and its one way you don't have to buy into the mass production of American society."

Those interested in more information on vegetarianism and the organization can call 898-4274.

Program

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conference report, will pay for three air traffic control radar-type simulators and upgrading existing IBM compatible computers.

The equipment will allow MTSU to expand its current co-op program into a four-year, on-campus experience. Previously students have had to complete their training at a cooperative program at another location, often on Huntsville, Ala.

"Simulation can now be integrated with academics and a unique focus on management theory," Gordon said. "The result will be an increased number of pre-screened and trained students who have the skills to successfully complete the Federal Aviation Administration Academy."

MTSU was one of the first 10 schools in the country to be included in the FAA's Airway Science Program. In the last 15 years all but one of the school's graduates have completed the FAA Academy.

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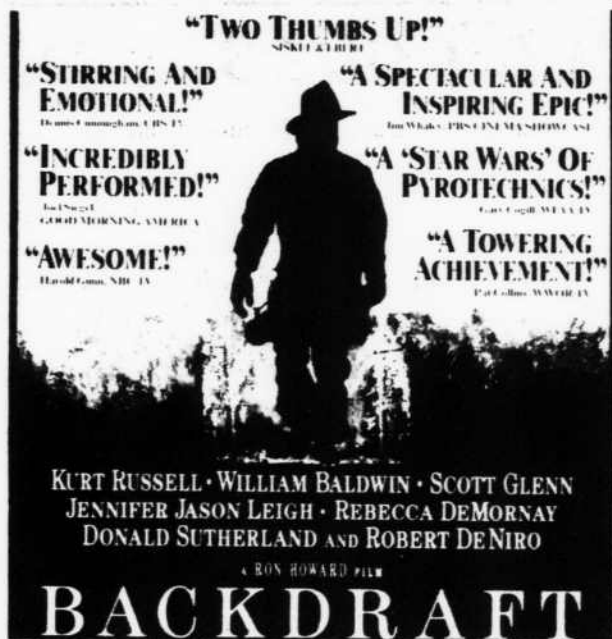
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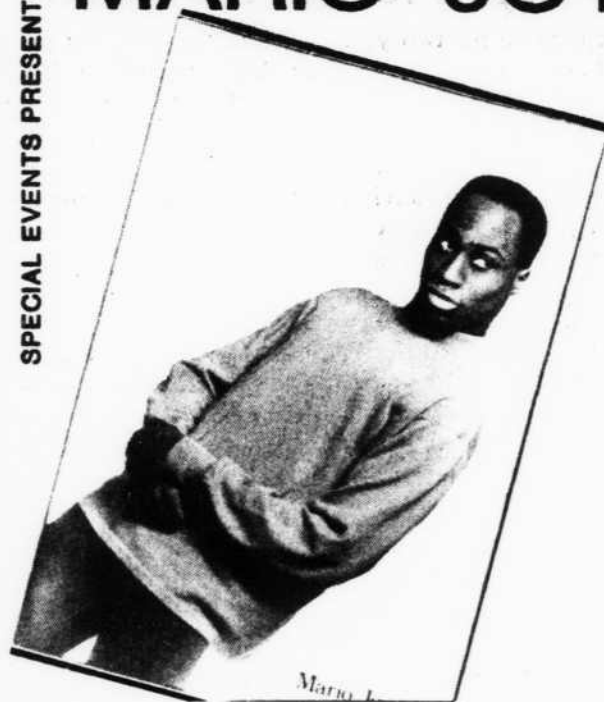
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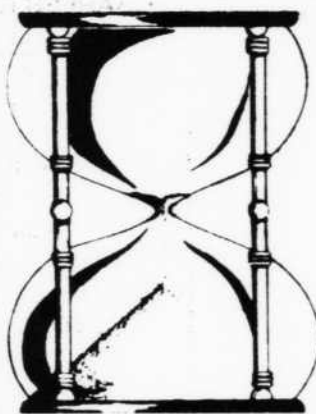
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We have spoken.... what happens now?

Wednesday's referendum posed a very important question to the students who bothered to vote—should the school's name be changed to the University of Middle Tennessee?

Compared to other school elections, a relatively high number of students turned out and favored the motion by an approximate 2-1 margin. Although we knew going in that the election was non-binding, we were told that the results would be given serious consideration as the issue is moved up the ladder.

However, in an article in Thursday's *Nashville Banner*, university officials indicated otherwise. Associate Dean of Men David Hays said, "This really is just input from the students. If this will be pursued, it will be up to the administration." Director of Public Relations Dot Harrison said "I don't think there's going to be a vote anytime soon."

Just input from the students? If this will be pursued? No vote anytime soon?

What's the deal here? It would appear that our opinions don't carry much weight around here. Is that surprising? No. But is it wrong? You're damn right it is.

As students at this university, our voice should be more than just heard; it should also be heeded. It's not a matter of whether or not the name change goes through; it's the principle of how seriously we are taken. If the attitudes of these two officials are typical of the administration's treatment of the students, our status on this campus is, at best, insignificant.

Like taxation, tuition without representation is tyranny. The people who pay the bills around here deserve more than "just input."

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Letters to the Editor

Area Congressman responds to 'Rubbergate'

Hard-working Americans have been rightfully angered and dismayed by revelations that some members of Congress repeatedly overdrawed their accounts at the House Bank and ignored bills at the House cafeteria.

Last week, I, along with 379 other members, voted to close the 100-year-old House Bank. In addition, I voted to send the report that ignited the uproar to the Ethics Committee for an investigation into possible abuses by those who bounced checks month after month, especially the 24 who wrote at least one bad check for \$1,000 or more each month for six straight months.

I supported disclosing the names of current and former Members who do not settle their cafeteria charges with Service America Corp. within 30 days.

I was upset that the image of our nation's government was being tarnished, that public confidence which is so important to the making of sound national policy, was being eroded. Now, after being assured otherwise, I have discovered that I had also made a mistake.

When these issues arose, I checked my own records and with the offices involved to make sure I was not among those at fault.

I have kept my balance at the House cafeteria current. The last bill I received — Sept. 26 for \$42 — was paid immediately.

My personal banking records showed no overdrafts. I was told,

via telephone, by the House Bank that I had never had any problems. I felt confident assuring constituents and the media that my record at the House Bank was clean, but I still requested an audit of my account and a written confirmation.

Now it is my turn to be dismayed.

The review of my account revealed that during one two-week period at the end of April 1990, I had four checks for which there were not sufficient funds on deposit when the checks were processed.

In mid-April, I cashed a check and forgot to write it down. The ripple effect was a \$113.71 fund shortage at month's end, which was erased by the automatic deposit of my paycheck on May 1.

Not only did I not know a shortage had occurred, but judging from my first communication with bank officials, they did not know either. I was never notified of the problem, and the bank statement I received for the month of April 1990 showed no overdraft.

Ironically, like thousands of Americans in April, I was checking my balance almost daily to make sure my income tax payment was received by the IRS and cleared. As a safeguard, I had made arrangements to immediately transfer money from an interest-bearing account at the Congressional Federal Credit Union into the House Bank if there was any hint of a problem.

But despite my monitoring, the error occurred. I could blame the situation on the sloppy

procedures at the House Bank, but, ultimately, I alone must accept the responsibility.

Some have said this controversy is much-ado-about nothing and that it had received too much attention at the expense of far more important concern.

I disagree.

It is true that the House Bank was more of a cooperative than a bank. Funds on deposit were not insured. The money involved was that of members who had accounts, not taxpayer dollars. The bank did not make loans or pay interest on deposits, it only cashed checks for House members, their staffs, and the press as a convenience.

It's also true that such issues as the budget deficit, health care, banking reform, student financial aid, and rebuilding the nation's infrastructure have been virtually ignored.

However, this issue deserved the attention it received. If Congress is to set good national policy, it must have the support of the public. That's why it was important the House act decisively to reform the system and demand accountability. That's why it was important that I reveal my mistake.

Congress can blame no one but itself for the tarnished image. We now must work to restore the public trust and make the tough decisions needed on critical issues we all must face as a nation.

Bart Gordon
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Burgess clarifies name change vote

First, I would like to say thanks to all the students who supported changing the name of our great university. We need you to spread the word and persuade the Alumni, faculty, and Administration to vote yes to the name change.

Second, I would like to convince those who are against or indifferent about the name change. Many of you think that if you drop state from the university's name we will lose state funding. This is totally untrue. This university was created by legislation passed by congress of this state. Therefore, we will always be supported by the state. Is UTK not state supported? They don't have state in their name. Also, some of you think that changing/upgrading the name will not make a difference in funding for the university. A name carries a certain perception. For example, if your name was Fat and you requested food from someone who doesn't know you personally, do you think that you would receive food? Change your name to Skinnyor Thin and see what happens. As you can see, a name does make a difference. Our university is perceived as a small university, and upgrading our name will change this perception so that everyone in this nation will know see that this is a growing and progressive university. In addition, many of you think that the name upgrade is not an important issue compared to parking problems and other issues. The name upgrade is a step in the right direction to solve the parking problem and the other issues facing this university. Many of the problems on this campus are associated with the perception that our university is small and not growing. The upgrade will give the aura of a major university, which will create major fund allocations that will alleviate many of our problems on campus.

As you can see, the name upgrade will be very beneficial in shaping the future of our great university.

I would like to request that the fraternities and sororities contact their alumni and push for support of the name upgrade. The SGA, student body, and future prospects will greatly appreciate your cooperation. Let's go out in full support of The University of Middle Tennessee.

Shawn Burgess
Box 1

Student questions name change

To the Editor,

There are many reasons to pursue a college education other than increasing your chances in the job market. One of these reasons is to improve your critical thinking skills. Education plays a key role in the political process of our country chiefly because it gives the voter the ability to weigh both sides of an issue for himself and to better recognize political manipulation when it occurs.

Apparently, the SGA members who advocated the name change for MTSU don't believe that we as students should have the right to make an informed decision. Even though the vote technically means nothing more than an opinion poll, it is still a step in the wrong direction. The early results, as reported by the television news, show the name change passed with 63% voting for the change.

Based on discussions I held in several classes and in the grill, my belief is that these results do not truly represent the feelings of the students. There are many possible reasons for this disparity between the results of the voting and the opinions I repeatedly heard vocalized around campus. One is the age-old problem of voter apathy. I was surprised on Wednesday by how many people were unaware that an election was being held or did not know how or where to vote. Basically this means that the same people who took the time to vote on Wednesday are the ones who

voted this student government into office.

Another reason that these results are skewed is that the people who did not vote were misinformed about the issue. The first example of this is the number of people who after reading the proposal were left with the impression that the name change equals more money for the school. This is completely untrue. The actual facts are that if the name is changed there is a *small chance* that public recognition will increase which *might possibly* lead to an increase in student population which in turn would lead to more money for the school. Although this theory is, at best, speculation, the advocates of the name change presented it as fact. Even more manipulative, is misinformation by omission. After realizing that no one was going to present the other side of this issue, I took it upon myself to print up a number of flyers asking some of the questions that were not addressed by the proposal as it was represented and urging voters to vote no until they were answered. These were posted in various locations around the campus Tuesday evening. Although I am sure no one will take responsibility for this action, all but a few of these had been mysteriously removed by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday.

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Elimination of opposing views is one certain way to win an election. Many Communist countries are trying to change this practice as I write this letter. As election day wore on, the proponents of this issue began to hand out flyers of their own. These once again presented speculation as fact, represented isolated incidents as the general rule, and still failed to address any of the questions I heard again and again from the student body.

I had sincerely hoped that enough students would recognize this snow job for what it was and vote this proposal down. Since this appears not to be the case, I urge those who feel they were misled to let Mr. Burgess and their senators know. I would not begin to assume what the personal motives behind this proposal were, but I would hope that the student body would be angry enough about being manipulated to remember this when SGA elections come around again. These people are elected to represent our views, not to think for us.

I would welcome any replies on this at the address below. I have included for the Sidelines staff a copy of the flyer that was posted.

Thank you,
Vaughn F. Weddle
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'What's in a name?' student asks

Dear MTSU, ASB, UMT, SGA?

What's the matter with MTSU? I think it's fine the way it is, or rather was. What's wrong with ASB? How is SGA any different? Just what are we accomplishing by changing names at this University? Is all this going to make us become the Harvard of the South or something? I mean, where will it all stop? Hell, why not change the Blue Raiders to the Green Buggers? Can we not find any better issue to vote on? If not, then so be it! We don't have to keep finding things to vote on to prove our existence. We are the fastest growing university in the state. This says to me that we must be pretty awesome since most students want to attend MTSU. So let's no longer show Tech, or anyone else for that matter, that we can't make up our minds who or what we want to be. So STAND STRONG and BE PROUD OF MTSU (or whatever the hell we're called, now.)

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Features

Numbskull blends rock, speed metal

Since its arrival on the scene in the early summer of 1990, NUMB SKULL has "blasted the heads" off audiences that it has faced with a unique synthesis of power rock and speed metal.

The band doesn't fit comfortably in any category, but it would not be very inaccurate to describe it as power metal. This musical combination distinguishes it from the typical thrash/mosh genre without losing the energy that this form offers.

With pure raw power, intelligent lyrics and excellent musicianship, it has avoided being the usual "underground" band.

NUMB SKULL writes predominantly about the darker side of mankind, including many subjects that most people don't want to discuss: political corruption, religious scandal, psychopathic behavior and child

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abuse.

It does have its "fun songs, the tasty one about cannibalism, but when not relating to horror, the band feels an obligation to share its radical view about this complex world.

The band's current line-up features Andi Austin, lead vocals and guitar; Jeff Barnes, bass and gang vocals; Jeff Knox, guitar and gang vocals; and Russell Nicholson, drums.

Unlike many of the bands into extreme metal, it is not afraid to mess with a pretty note, twisted plot or a novel song structure. The group's song, "The Thirst," dealing with the concept of eternal life — a vampire who realizes the price of his

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Numbskull

Graduate student assembles Civil War uniform collection

MARSHA BLASCO Special to Sidelines

Bloodstained, bullet-torn uniforms once filled the battlefields. Now, 130 years later, the remaining evidence of the men who fought those battles fills an exhibit room at the Carter House in Franklin.

The uniforms and accessories of 13 members of the Civil War Army of Tennessee—brought together by the efforts of MTSU graduate student Patrick Craddock—compose the largest collection of Army of Tennessee uniforms ever exhibited.

"I planned this because I would like to see more recognition going to the Army of Tennessee," said Craddock, a native of Cleveland, Miss. "You hear about the army or Robert E. Lee. You hear about the battle of Gettysburg. It seems to me that most of the Army of Tennessee is overlooked, when they did just as much fighting, if not more."

A master's degree candidate in historic preservation and an intern at the Carter House, Craddock was asked by Nancy Bassett, Carter House director, to assemble an exhibit of uniforms.

Craddock, 21, suggested an

exhibit of only Army of Tennessee uniforms, believing that a show featuring the army that fought at the Carter House would create publicity.

Although the Army of Tennessee included men from every Southern state, its primary area of operation was Tennessee, Craddock said. The army received its name after the Battle of Shiloh.

"Now there are quite a few uniforms [Army of Tennessee] out there, but most museums have one or two, maybe three pieces," Craddock said. After more than two months of preparation, Craddock has accumulated more than 20 pieces owned by the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Va., the Sam Davis Home in Murfreesboro and the Carter House.

His intuition regarding publicity for the exhibit proved to be correct.

"For the week before this exhibit opened," Craddock said, "I was doing nothing but this exhibit. The day before, the day it opened, and the day after, I was bombarded with TV and newspaper people." Channel 5,

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Griffith uses unique style, great lyrics



Nanci Griffith

When it was said that Nance Griffith was a "songwriter's songwriter," they couldn't have been more correct.

Griffith writes with a unique style that most songwriters would envy. Her lyrics are about real life situations and range from love to republicans.

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"Late Night Grande Hotel," Griffith's latest album, includes a song written in Nashville, Tennessee. "One Blade Shy" is a satirical song written about a Republican in a Mercedes who tried to pick her up one Friday night in Nashville. "Down 'N' Outer" is a powerful song about a homeless person living on the streets.

Griffith creates sympathy by allowing the listener to see his thoughts and feelings in her lyrics. It's subject reveals, "I was once a lot like you. We share a dream I couldn't make come true."

Griffith's album also features songs written by three other performers. Tom Waite's "San Diego Serenade," "The Sun, Moon, And Stars," by

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Velcro Pygmies

Fine Arts Editor gives lesson in understanding

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Vince Bell, and "Heaven," by Julie Gold (who wrote Bette Midler's song "From a Distance") all appear on Griffith new album, "Late Night Grande Hotel."

The subject matter of this album centers around the ideas and feelings that come from being on the road. Griffith thanks "All the 'Grande' hotels (especially Blooms Hotel in Dublin, Ireland) where I've so often taken rest and found a sense of place so far from my own home."

One of Griffith's best written songs is "It's Too Late," a song about love and being on the road. "Do you miss me when I'm far away? Do you save me for your rainy days?" asks Griffith.

Griffith's only drawback is her twangy voice. In most of her songs, it detracts from the beauty of her words and can cause a listener to concentrate on her vocal quality rather than her lyrics.

"I was born with no lows in my voice whatsoever. It's a very different thing than what I would prefer. But then, people who have straight hair want curly hair," remarks Griffith.

Griffith's music is best described as "folkabilly." She was nominated for a Grammy for Best Folk Album for "The Last of the True Believers" in 1984.

Each of Griffith's songs are written like three or four minute short stories. The characters seem to come alive because of the great detail which she gives them.

Nanci Griffith is truly a "songwriter's songwriter" with a special talent for writing unique song lyrics.

I would like to tell you a story. I hope you get it.

Once upon a time, there was a school. It was a place where young and old went to learn how to think. The students spent a lot of time wondering about a higher meaning to life and the pursuit of knowledge. As they studied and asked questions about everything, the world gave up her secrets, and the greatest honor one could earn was to be proclaimed 'intelligent' by one's peers.

Time went on and the world changed. Technology suddenly made many things available to everyone, and people came to rely on technology for more each day. However, a terrible disease came along. This disease, called apathy, was ignored because it

GARRY ESTEP Fine Arts Editor

was an unpleasant thing to think about. There were many good things that technology could do for us so we wouldn't have to think about anything at all. Besides, it would go away by itself.

Meanwhile, at the school, apathy was making its presence felt. It all started with one person who decided that he didn't have to earn the title of 'intelligent.' He proclaimed himself and thus showed everybody else that if they didn't want to, they didn't have to think anymore. After all, they could always rely on

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People who go to see The Velcro Pygmies perform can expect to have a good time.

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Lead vocalist Cameron Flener said, "People get dressed up, fix their hair, and pay a cover charge. Why would they go to all that trouble if they really didn't have the desire to have fun?"

The band, which has been organized for only three years, has gone through numerous changes in personnel.

The Pygmies' front man Cameron Flener said, "We brought on a new guitarist (Blake Baumeier), a new bass player (Joe Straub), and a new drummer (Robby Bazzell). Actually, I'm the only original member left. When we brought on the new members, we went full time. It's been the best move we ever made."

The Velcro Pygmies are crowd-pleasers. "That's what we're here for," Flener said. "We're really maniacs on stage. We try to give people a good show."

When people are going to a club, they want to see band that's going to party. They are not interested in someone trying to give a big message.

"I would say our music would just be called 'party rock and roll,'" Flener said. "We do everything from Neil Diamond to The Cult. I guess most people

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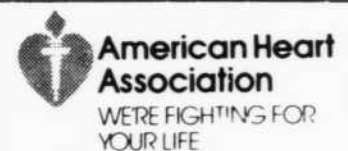
would classify us as 'alternative rock,' but really, when you listen to the band, we do so many Stones (songs) and that kind of stuff."

The Pygmies are also working on their own musical identity as well. "We've got about 25 original tunes right now," Flener said.

The Velcro Pygmies have developed a reputation for being one of today's most outspoken musical groups and have used their reputation to help motivate people to get behind their country. During the Persian Gulf War, their performances resembled U.S.A. pep rallies, which received an incredible response.

Lead vocalist Cameron said, "The time has passed for fence walking. It's time for everyone who calls themselves an American to become united on one side."

Spanning the age and gender gaps, the band has earned universal acceptance, with overwhelming crowds across the country. Anyone who is looking for a good time need look no further if The Velcro Pygmies are in town.



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the Banner and several Williamson County newspapers featured the exhibit in their news coverage.

In order to protect the time-worn uniforms, the museum will carefully monitor the heat and humidity. Nine glass cases—one large enough to display four of the longer, dressier frock coats—provide protection from visitors' hands and ensure the safety of the uniforms.

Craddock suspects that some families may have donated the uniforms to museums when they realized they could no longer care for the garments.

Besides the dirt and stains that have dulled the colors of the jackets, Craddock says that much of the damage—the small holes in the wool—has been done by insects.

One well-preserved piece, an almost knee-length gray wool frock coat, belonged to Gen. John Bell Hood, the leader who ordered more than 6,000 Confederate soldiers to their deaths at the Carter House battle in November 1864. Hood and his uniform survived.

A general's insignia of three

gold stars on the collar and subtle gold embroidery on the sleeves distinguish the general's coat from other ranks. According to Craddock, the difference between ranks was not always evident at a distance.

The exhibit also features the uniforms of privates, lieutenants, captains and colonels. Craddock wanted to recognize the men who carried the rifles, the privates and company-level officers whose names are not familiar.

In honoring these "common soldiers," the exhibit provides evidence of their wounds. Bloodstains mark the lining of Lt. Edward W. Crozier's brown wool jacket, detracting attention from the red piping and gold buttons. Capt. Henry H. Cook's wool hat has a nickel-sized hole on one side.

And Lt. William H. Barnett's crimson-colored sash shows the bloodstains of the wound that ended his life at the battle of Franklin.

"These uniform pieces held the spirit of the Southern soldiers, and on many battlefields they were the only shroud that held the remains of those unfortunate souls that would never see their friends or family again."

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immortality — is a frighteningly beautiful tune.

The stories, both good and evil, are ones of passion, with man driven by some unseen force and grappling with the consequences of his actions from without.

In April 1991, NUMB SKULL was nominated for the Nashville Metro Music Awards in the hardcore category.

"Carnival Night," one of the

four songs taken from its demo, was selected by Middle Tennessee State University's Recording Industry Management program to represent the university in the rock category in this year's student Grammy awards, NARAS, presented by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

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Sports

WOW! Blue Raiders stand tall in 39 - 10 loss

TONY J. Arnold
Sports Editor

If Florida State hadn't heard of Middle Tennessee State before Saturday, it definitely knows the Blue Raiders now.

MTSU traveled to Tallahassee with nothing to lose and all to gain. By the time the final horn had sounded, the Big Blue stood tall and proud despite losing 39-10.

It wasn't a game of luck or skill on the Raiders' side. It was a contest of heart and determination that is bringing the Blue Raiders back to Murfreesboro with a moral victory.

"They gave us a chance to win," senior defensive tackle Brian Faulkner said. "No one gave us a chance coming in, and there was no pressure. We took it as a personal challenge

to go to compete and win.

"We didn't win but I think it did this team a lot of good. We came together, and it should help us the rest of the year."

For one half of football, the word upset was on the tips of Raider tongues because the Big Blue played perhaps the best half of the year.

FSU came out on the opening drive and behind the arm

of quarterback Casey Weldon, quickly took a controversial lead. Weldon's 5-yard touchdown pass to Shannon Baker was good for six. However, replays showed that the pass was dropped, but the officials felt possession had been obtained long enough.

On Middle's opening drive the Raiders were unable to put any points on the board yet were able to prove something—they could move the ball on the FSU defense. They drove 45 yards before Garth Petrilli missed a 51-yard

field goal

attempt.

"I thought we drove pretty good," Raider freshman quarterback Kelly Holcomb said. "Our line played really good, and they kept them off me."

The nationally No.1 ranked Seminoles had to settle for a field goal on their second drive before the Raiders finally tallied.

All-American tailback Joe Campbell ran around the right side, turned on the speed and leaped over a Seminole defender into the end zone.

"When we scored, I knew we could drive and realized we had a chance," Holcomb said. "I don't think it scared

them (the MTSU score), but I think we surprised them."

Perhaps the surprise woke up the Seminoles because they answered with a touchdown drive of their own, and both teams added field goals before the half ended, making the score 20-10.

"I thought that for a half, we blocked them better than any team had this year,"

MTSU coach Boots Donnelly said. "Overall, we protected our quarterback really

well, and the whole team played as hard as they could. FSU made us work very hard, and at the half we were exhausted."

The offensive line of MTSU also impressed FSU head coach Bobby Bowden.

"I expected to physically dominate them up front,"

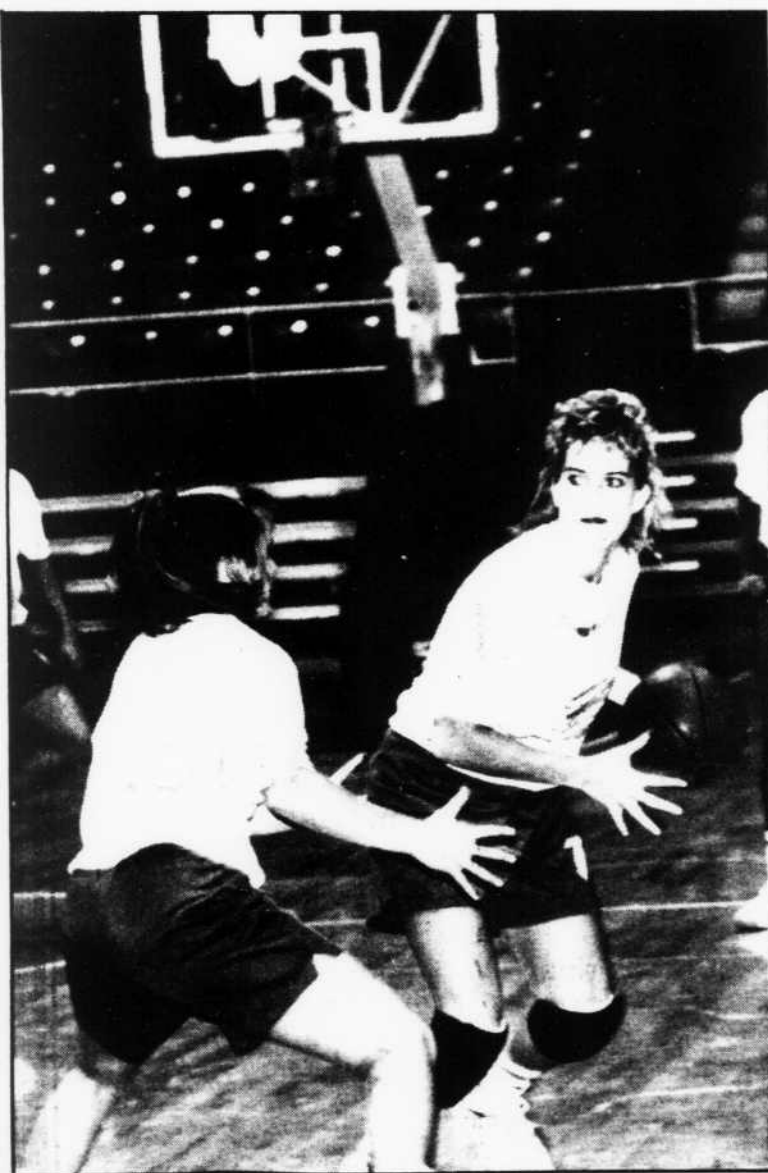
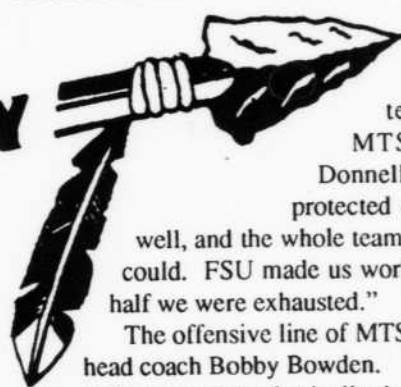
Bowden said. "We didn't even come close."

After the short halftime rest, the Raiders returned to the field and once again continued to hold ground against FSU.

Weldon completed a 29-yard pass to Baker with 4:23 left in the third.

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Shelley Mays/Photographer

DEFENSE: Trish Sisson attempts to drive around Laurie Hopwood during a Lady Raider basketball practice earlier this week. The Lady's took to the court for the first time this Fall on Tuesday and are expected to contend for the OVC crown this season.

Lady Raiders ready to challenge Eastern Kentucky for OVC title

DIANNE DEOLIVEIRA
Assistant sports editor

MTSU's Lady Raider cross country team placed third out of 22 teams in the Vanderbilt Invitational on Saturday.

Although the women finished behind Ohio State and Southern Illinois, they were able to outscore OVC competitors Murray State, Southeast Missouri, Tennessee Tech, Tennessee State, and Austin Peay. The team continues to improve as each of the women also ran their best times for that course.

While each of the Lady Raiders contributed to the team effort by running strong and solid, the most outstanding performance was by Kiya Thomas who won the Invitational race which consisted of 153 competitors. Thomas stayed with the lead pack until the last half mile of the race where she decided to take the lead over a Vandy harrier and finished with a time of 17:50.

Karen Barnes was the next Lady Raider to cross the line in 18:21, for a strong 13th place finish, followed by Lea White who placed 25th in 18:56, and Sharon Smith who ran 19:41 for 42nd place. Linda Brewer and Leigh Weathers also ran well and did their part to help the team.

Coach Dean Hayes was very pleased with Thomas's win as well as the team's overall performance. Now he anxiously awaits the upcoming OVC meet this weekend and hopes the

team will be just as solid to challenge Eastern Kentucky's 8-year string of championships.

"It will be a good race between us and Eastern Kentucky," said Hayes. "The fact that they have won for the past eight years will be the biggest thing for us. It's hard to win something that you've never won before."

All of the Lady Raiders agree that it will be a tough race, but they are going to battle it out for the title until they cross the finish line.

"We've been working hard all season," said Thomas. "It will be tough, but it will come down to who is prepared and mentally tough. It's going to take the whole team and not just one person to win."

-Kiya Thomas

Smith and Barnes, who are seniors this year, will have their last chance to win the title.

"This is my last year at running," said Smith. "I started out strong as a freshmen and I've had injuries in between that have slowed me down mentally and physically, but I'm going to put my best effort into this last meet."

"It's going to take team effort and it will come down to the finish," said Barnes. "This is my last year at it and I want it."

Eastern Kentucky is too high for its pedestal and what goes up must come down, so hopefully the Lady Raiders will be the ones to knock them to the ground.

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Knights ready to 'Kick some Ice'

Nashville hockey team has different look going into new season

The Nashville Knights hockey team unveiled a brand new look at a High School/College Media Day last Wednesday as David Nivison and Craig Jenkins showed off a new ownership and new team which Nashville fans hopes will take them to the top.

The Knights were recently purchased by a group out of Boston with the primary investor being W. Godfrey Wood who purchased the team for one million dollars.

Part owners include 1980 Olympic Gold Medalist Mike Eurozone and Hockey Hall of Famer Brad Parks. This duo brings a dose of hockey experience to Nashville.

Nashville's new coach for the new season is Frank Anzalone, the third coach he've had in three years. He came to the Knights from the New Market Saints of the American Hockey League. Prior to that, he coached the Lake Superior State

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University hockey team for eight years. In 1988, his team won the NCAA Division I National Championship.

Anzalone is currently running a training camp, trying to get together a winning team, and he is looking to his players for some dedication. If he doesn't get it, he feels no pressure to keep any player. This includes crowd favorite Brock "The Rock" Kelly.

His job is to put together the best team he possibly can, and, although he would admit that several players have had great camps, he would not confirm that anyone has made the team. He would only say that the next few cuts would be very important to the make-up of the team.

Another new element to this

year's squad is that only two players from last year have returned to camp. Glen Engevik and Kelly are back to try and earn a spot on the team once again.

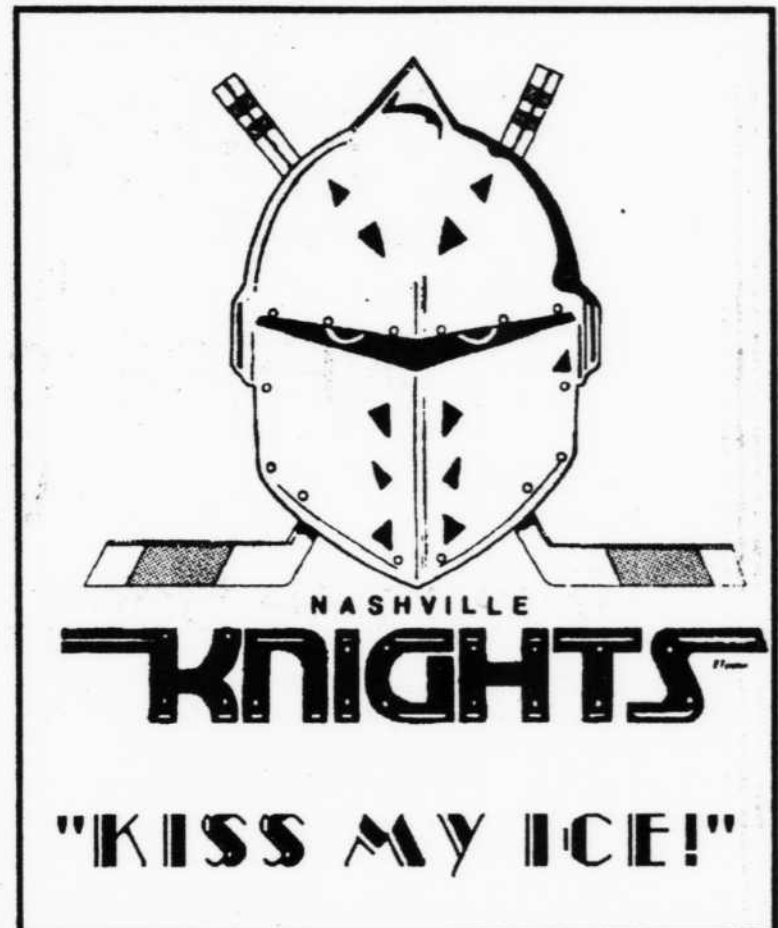
"I like Nashville and I hope to return," Brock said. "My wife has made many friends and she enjoys Nashville. I also enjoy being in a city where the crowd is so dedicated.

"There is no other city that has a group like 'The Pit,' 'The Trench,' and 'The Roundtable.'"

The only problem facing Brock is a new rule in the East Coast Hockey League. This rule states that each team may have only two players with more than three years of professional experience. In the Knights camp, there are three such players.

Besides Kelly and Engevik, the Knights are working with Troy Vollhauser who played last year for Winston-Salem and is glad to be in Nashville with the opportunity to be one of the lucky two who make the final team.

With all these new elements, the Knights may well be on the verge of one of their most exciting seasons yet. The new organization is dedicated to putting out one of the best efforts and giving the fans what they want—a winner and a good time.



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"We played very well, particularly into the early part of the third quarter," Donnelly said. "We never could really get Florida State's offense stopped, early or late."

By the fourth quarter, the depth of FSU showed as a tired, yet gallant, Raider team conceded the loss and watched the No.1 team

tally 12 points for the final margin of victory.

"We just finally ran out of gas," Faulkner said.

Weldon finished the day with 294 yards passing (20 of 33) as his Seminoles accumulated 553 yards of total offense.

MTSU's quarterback didn't have a bad day himself. Holcomb passed for 188 yards and had 13 straight completions, an MTSU

record.

"Kelly is a pretty good freshman," Donnelly said. "He had the opportunity to play in front of 60,000 people against the No.1 team, and he stood in the pocket and delivered."

"He had 13 straight completions against the top team in America, and that says a lot."

Campbell led the rushing attack with 73 yards for the Raiders, who had 295 total

yards.

"Credit Middle Tennessee State for this game," Bowden said. "They really took it to us. Coach Donnelly had them better prepared than our kids."

"That quarterback (Holcomb) was really good, wasn't he? And man, that 21 (Campbell) could really run."

"We just really didn't execute today. We had lots of opportunities and let them get away. The thing is, the biggest stat went to us and that is a win. We're 7-0, so you can't be disappointed with that."

Lesson

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technology. Apathy had made him lose interest in life and knowledge, two of apathy's worst symptoms.

The other students were at first quite shocked at what this person was trying to do. But one by one they, too, caught the dread disease. Pretty soon the majority of the students lost interest in thinking.

They demanded that all of the knowledge they would need be implanted in their heads, and 'intelligent' soon came to refer to anyone who had been so processed. Anyone who asked you to think was thought to be mean and ill-mannered.

Time went on, and the world fell into a state of total apathy and

And the Blue Raiders, ranked seventh in 1-AA, can't be disappointed with its 4-2 record either.

"I couldn't be prouder of the way our guys stayed in the fight," Donnelly said. "We came down here, not really concerned that much about the score. We had no illusions about being able to upset the No. 1 team in the country."

"I think we're going home with the respect of the Florida State coaching staff and players, and maybe a little more respect for ourselves."

stagnation. "Thank God for technology. We can always rely on technology to keep us going. After all, we know everything we need to know, don't we?"

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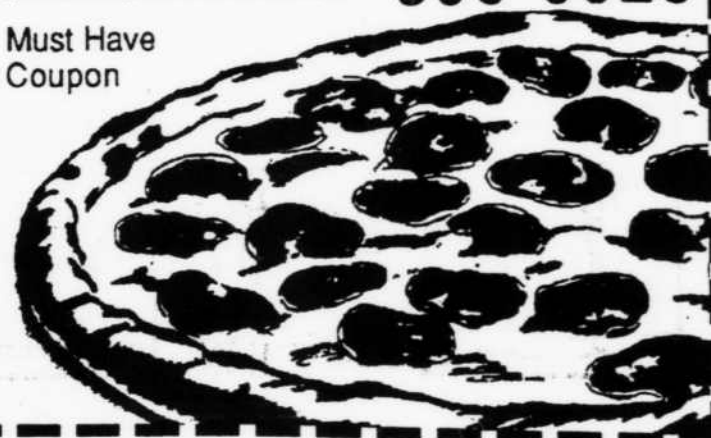
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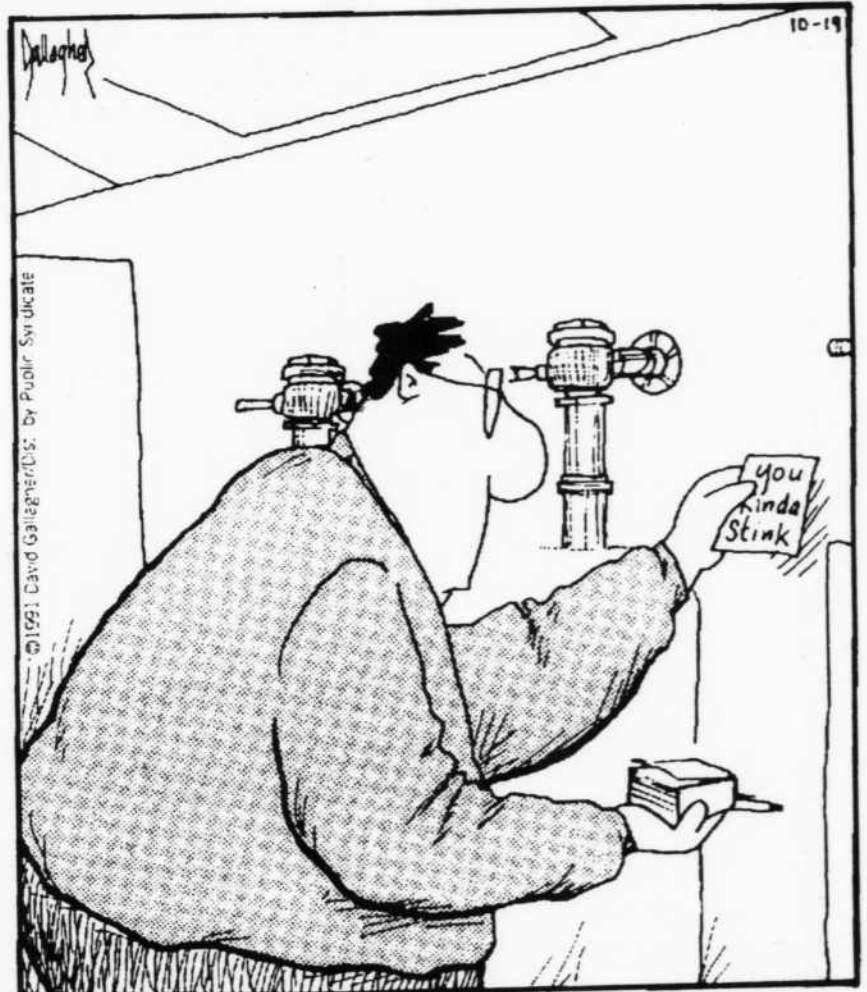


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