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Free preschool program opens for student use

By Charlene Callier
Staff Writer

Barney. Blues. Clues. Teletubbies. Elmo. Clifford.

These characters serve the same purpose as MTSU's Pre-Kindergarten Center — to educate and entertain children three to four years old.

MTSU is opening its new Pre-K Center April 30.

The center will be a free educational program for MTSU students with children between the ages of three and four.

The program is funded by a grant from the Tennessee Department of Education in conjunction with state and federal funds.

"We are trying to serve the MTSU community first," said Dawn Spry, lead teacher at the

Pre-K Center. "After those slots have been filled, we will open up spaces for the community."

The program is in collaboration with the Mid-Cumberland Head Start program, located on 219 Maney Street.

Mid-Cumberland will provide the Pre-K Center with a classroom, parent involvement and social services for the children.

"Our programs are theme-based for each week and individualized for each student," Spry said.

To be eligible for enrollment, an application must be completed and proof of income provided (check stub, w-2 form, Families First letter or Child Support order). The child must be 3 to 4 years old by September 30 and have completed the

required immunizations.

The program will enroll 16 students at a time so that the children can have a good teacher-student ratio to help advance their learning skills.

The center will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will provide the children with a nutritious breakfast, lunch and snacks. It will provide a setting

that strives to stimulate competencies in communicative, cognitive, social, emotional and sensory-motor skills.

Applications can be picked up at the Ellington Human Science Annex, Room 123A.

For more information, contact Spry at 898-5688 or Carol Detmer at 898-2198. ♦



Tuesday's Our Lady Peace concert at Tucker Theatre entertained a near-capacity crowd.

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Gore Center, art facilities on the move

By Angelica Journagin
Staff Writer

The art department and the Albert Gore Research Center have big plans for their new home in the renovated Todd Building.

Construction on Todd will begin around New Year's Day and be completed late in the spring of 2003. Current plans will give the art department roughly 57,000 square feet and the Gore Center around 6,000 square feet.

"Art has a need for very unique spaces," said Watson Hannah, director of academic technology planning and projects in Academic Affairs. "The architects are doing a wonderful job."

When the art department moves out of the cramped quarters of the Art Barn, they hope to start making art classes interdisciplinary.

"Sculpture will be by ceramics, and students will be able to mix mediums," said art department chair Mark Price. "This is what is going on in the art world today. Students will be better prepared for the real world."

See Move, 4

Grant allows physics chair to study element creation

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

Studying the process by which the world's elements were created will begin soon in MTSU's physics and astronomy department thanks to a \$61,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy.

The funded project will study the interactions between neutrons of atoms and the nuclei of various elements. It will be led by Robert Carlton, chair of the physics and astronomy department.

Carlton explained that studying the nuclear interactions will indicate how elements in the solar system were created, "simply through a long chain or series of nuclear reactions in the environment of a supernova explosion."

The \$61,000 Department of Energy grant is the first of three that will be needed to fund the study, expected to take three years.

"The practice of granting agencies like the DOE is to fund such multi-year proposals incrementally," Carlton said. "Therefore I only have money

approved for the first year, but I will request funds for the succeeding year when I write the progress report for this year's study."

According to Carlton, the grant money will be used to support the scientists and students working on the project, as well as to purchase new computer equipment and supplies.

Researchers will use computer software, some of which was developed by Carlton, to analyze data collected by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL).

"The computer code generates theoretical predictions of the observed properties of the nuclear reactions," Carlton explained. The predictions can then be manipulated until they match the gathered data and reveal the steps in production and distribution of elements.

Working with Carlton to lead the study will be Ron Winters, a professor at Denison University in Granville, Ohio. Winters will be a guest scientist at MTSU throughout the grant project.

Carlton and Winters have participated in studies together

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'Shake your groove thang'

Student dance show incorporates variety of styles

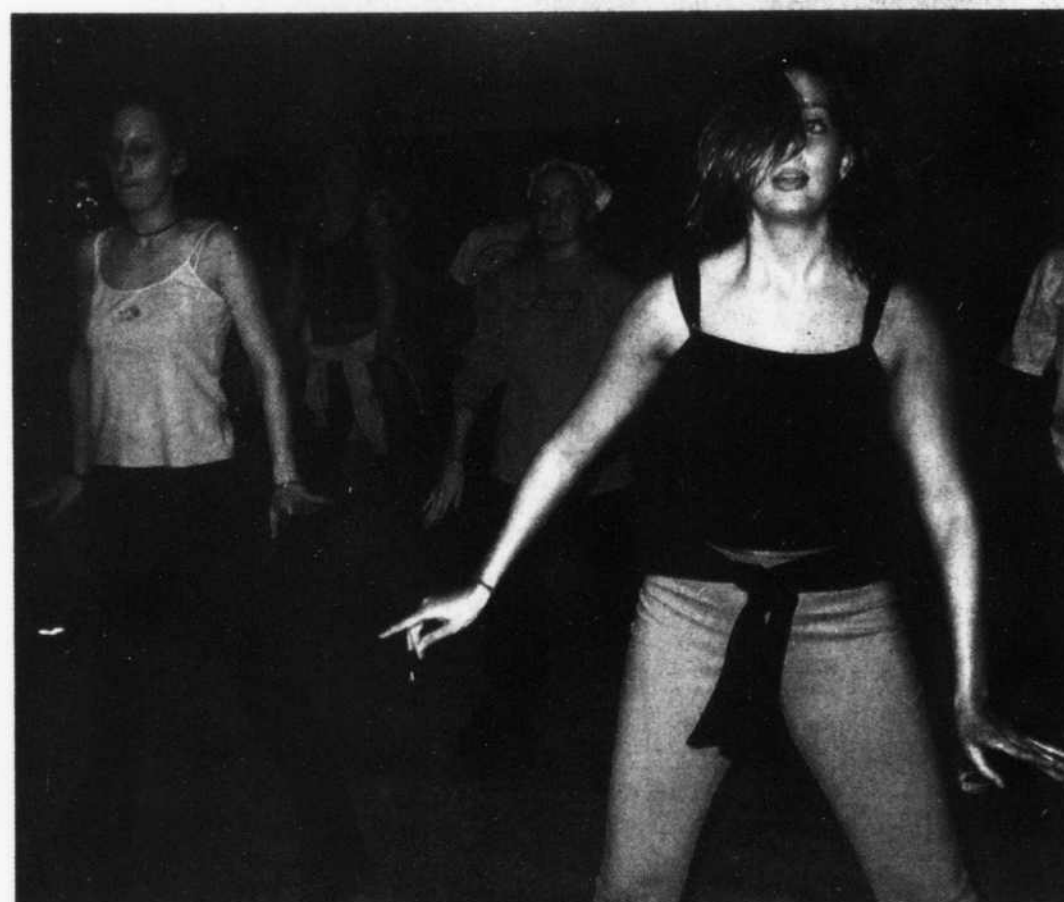


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Members of the Performing Arts Company rehearse for their upcoming show. The show titled "Eclectic Extreme" will be held this weekend in the Tucker Theatre. The show will feature a variety of dance styles and music, ranging from country to ballet.

By Alisa G. Welch
Contributor

MTSU will resonate with music and rhythmic movement when the Performing Arts Company takes the stage for this semester's production, "Eclectic Extreme" Friday and Saturday at the Tucker Theatre.

"There are about 20 dances in the production," said Amanda Virgillito, who handles public relations for the Performing Arts Company. "It's all kinds of dance. We have ballet, lyrical, hip-hop, jazz, tap and modern."

Creative costuming comes into play with the song "Crazy Bones" as glow-in-the-dark student skeletons dance across the stage.

The Performing Arts Company, known informally as the dance club, began in 1967. It has swelled from seven members in 1997 to over 100 members this year.

Part of the purpose of the production is to demonstrate the desire for dance at MTSU, according to Virgillito. Currently, MTSU does not offer

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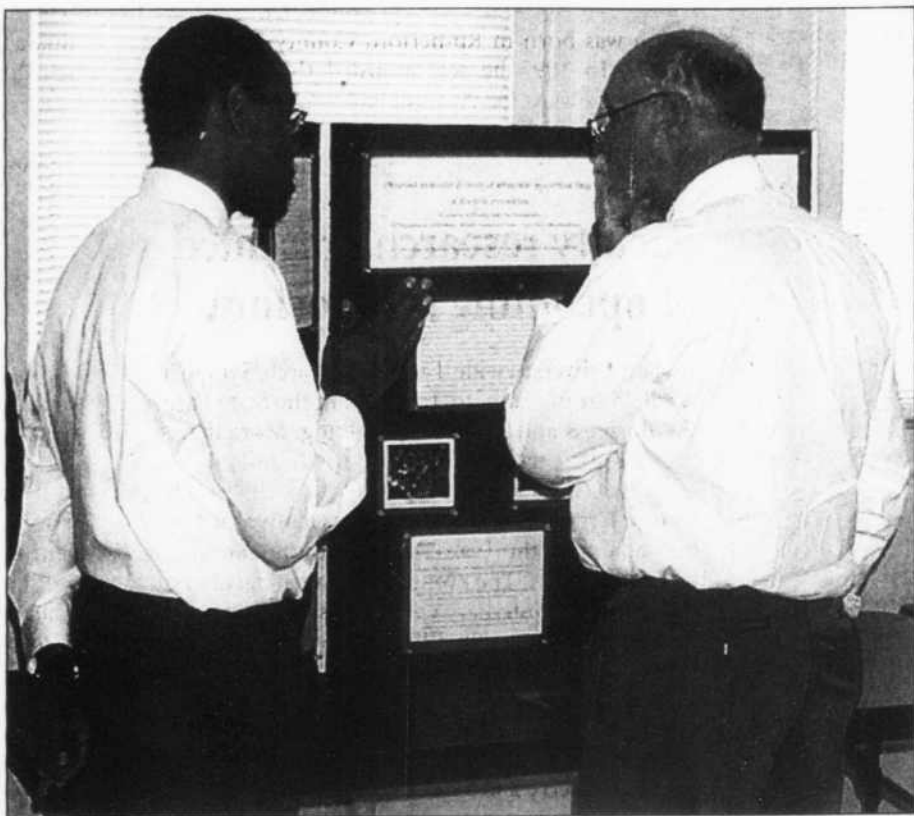


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(ABOVE) Cameron Cooley explains his project to Biology Department Chair, Dr. George Murphy at the Research Symposium. (RIGHT) Deborah Key is congratulated by judges after being announced the Symposium winner.



Student films showcased tonight

Tonight is the last chance to view student films as part of MTSU's Student Films Festival. All of the entries will begin showing at 7 p.m. on both nights, and there is no admission charge. Each film is 30 minutes or shorter. The showings are in the Keathley University Center Theater. For more information, call 898-2551.

Fraternity plans rockin' benefit at local club for cancer patient

Alpha Tau Omega will sponsor a benefit concert at Bongo Johnny's, 527 Main Street, at 9 p.m. on Friday. All proceeds will go toward helping 16 year-old leukemia patient Jason Anlyn. The Del Giovanni Clique, Fade and Void are scheduled to perform. Troy "Disc Jockey Insane" James will provide the entertainment between sets. The event is for those 18 and older, and admission is \$5. For more information or to make a donation, contact Joe Parmakian at 217-1271 or Alpha Tau Omega at 904-2687.

Graduate scholarships available for minority students

The College of Graduate Studies is taking applications for the Graduate Minority Scholarship to be awarded for fall 2001 and spring 2002. Eight scholarships are to be awarded, each of which carries a cash value of approximately \$8,000 for the academic year.

Applications can be picked up in the College of Graduate Studies in Cope Administration Building, Room 114, or may be downloaded from 'Student Resources' on the graduate Web site at <http://www.mtsu.edu/~graduate>. The deadline for submitting an application is June 29, 2001.

Marketing instructor voted "most outstanding" in business college

Sharon Jones, an instructor in the department of management and marketing, was voted "Most Outstanding Professor in the MTSU College of Business" for 2000-2001 by the Omega Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma insurance fraternity. Four hundred twenty-three votes were cast by graduate and undergraduate students who have a major or minor in any department of the College of Business. Jones received her bachelor of science degree at Appalachian State University and her master's degree in business administration from MTSU. Since arriving at MTSU in 1999, Jones has taught principles of marketing, principles of management, organizational behavior, services marketing, promotion and organization theory.

Urban Music Society collecting food

The Urban Music Society invites all students to participate in its first annual Spring Canned Food Drive, which will continue through April 26. All donations will benefit the Rutherford County Food Bank and the Salvation Army. Collection boxes will be placed in buildings and residence halls throughout campus, as well as at local businesses. Depending on the amount of food collected, other charities may benefit as well. For more information, call Shawn Whitsell at 898-4121.

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Outstanding students honored

The MTSU Student Recognition Awards are slated for 2 p.m. April 25 in the Keathley University Center Courtyard. Winners of the James E. Walker President's Award, the Barbara S. Haskew Provost's Award and the Robert C. LaLance Jr. Achievement Award will be announced. During the ceremony, new inductees into the university's honor societies and the newest members of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities will be recognized also. All students, faculty and staff are welcome to look on.

Author named keynote speaker for Ebony Achievement Banquet

Dr. Crystal Kuykendall has been chosen to serve as the keynote speaker for the 10th annual Ebony Achievement Awards Banquet April 26 at 7 p.m. in the Garden Plaza Hotel in Murfreesboro. She will make a stop at MTSU during her visit. Kuykendall has had several occupations throughout her life, including schoolteacher and executive director of the National Alliance of Black School Educators. She was appointed by Jimmy Carter to sit on the National Advisory Council on Continuing Education and is the author of four books and the mother of three children. Reservations for the banquet should be made by April 20. Individual tickets cost \$10, or a table for eight can be purchased for \$70. For details on Kuykendall's visit to MTSU contact the multicultural affairs office at 898-5315. To order tickets, call Ralph Metcalf at 898-2987.

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Professors to demonstrate traditional Japanese instruments

Professors Laurie and Koji Arizumi of the University of Alabama will be on campus April 21 to provide a lecture and demonstration on traditional Japanese instruments such as the koto and flute. The event is sponsored by the Japan-U.S. Program of MTSU and will take place in the Business and Aerospace Building, Room 127 from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. It is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Kiyoshi Kawahito at 898-5751.

Student community service club celebrates first birthday

The Circle K Club of MTSU will celebrate its first year as a campus organization April 23 at 6:45 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Room 324. Circle K is a community service organization supported by Kiwanis International. The evening's activities include a look into the Kiwanis Family and the role of Circle K at MTSU, as well as entertainment by MTSU freshman Carla Rhodes, a renowned ventriloquist and comedienne. Any faculty member or student is invited to attend. While there is no admission fee, Circle K requests that each person bring a one-dollar donation to help fight iodine deficiency disorder. For every dollar brought by a guest, Circle K will match the donation. For more information, e-mail the club at circlek@mtsu.edu or visit their Web site at www.geocities.com/mtsucirclek.

Anti-smoking youth summit focuses on "Lives Cut Short"

The first-ever Tennessee Youth Tobacco Prevention Summit will be held April 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 300 high school students, teachers and health educators are expected to attend the event, this year's theme being "Lives Cut Short." The summit, produced and hosted by MTSU Health and Human Services, is funded by the Tennessee Department of Health Tobacco Control Offices. Registration and opening ceremonies will be in the Wright Music Building. Chuck Wolfe - the "architect" of such anti-smoking programs as TRUTH and SWAT - will present the keynote address. Sessions throughout the day will be held in various classrooms throughout the Keathley University Center and will feature student-led tobacco-prevention demonstrations. An exhibit tent with display tables with literature, posters and public service announcements created by students will be erected in the KUC courtyard. For more information, contact Shannon Josey at 898-1085 or Jo Edwards at 898-2905.

Young authors share literature

Hundreds of first- through sixth-graders from Cannon, Wilson and Rutherford Counties will be on campus April 21 for the MTSU Young Authors Conference. Throughout the day, the children will read aloud original books, poems and essays they have written in school. Professional writer Patricia Polacco will be among the listeners to help celebrate the talents of these young authors. There will be sessions for parents who want to keep the love of literature and language alive in their homes held in the Business and Aerospace Building and Keathley University Center. The events begin at 7:45 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. For more information, or to



Photo by Matthew H. Staring | Chief Photographer
Raine Maide, lead singer of Our Lady Peace, performs with the band. The Sheila Divine opened for them.

find out the session times, contact Bobbie Solley at 898-5934, Nancy Crews at 898-5630 or Rebekah Alexander at 898-2343.

Smith honored for service to higher education in business field

MTSU Interim President R. Eugene Smith recently received the Distinguished Business Officer Award for 2001 from the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers. The award honored Smith's service to higher education in the field of business and financial management. He was honored at the SACUBO President's Dinner April 7. The only Tennessean ever to be elected president of both the Southern and National Association of College and University Business Officers, Smith was chosen from over 1,000 members of SACUBO - an organization "dedicated to fostering

sound principles and ethical conduct in business management." Smith was born in Rutherford County and is a 1957 graduate of MTSU. In 1997 he was awarded the university's Distinguished Alumnus Award for Professional Achievement. Before being named interim president of MTSU, Smith served for three decades as vice president for Business and Finance at the University of Memphis.

Faculty research presented at upcoming symposium

The Universitywide Faculty Research Symposium will be held April 25 from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall of the Business and Aerospace Building. More than 60 faculty members will be presenting their research and creative work via platform, panel and poster presentations. This year's symposium will feature Jerry Odom, provost and executive vice president of academic affairs at the University of South Carolina will present the keynote address. The event is open to all faculty, students and staff, but those interested are encouraged to reserve a seat by contacting Linda Lawrence at 898-5950 or by e-mail at lawrence@mtsu.edu.

Walk to benefit Cystic Fibrosis patients, research this weekend

The annual Great Strides Walk to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is scheduled for Sunday at the MTSU Intramural Fields. The check-in time for participants is at 1 p.m., and the walk begins at 2. The goal has been set at \$30,000, and there will be prizes for some participants. For more information or to participate contact Isla Waters at 615-255-1167.

Annual chemistry lecture Monday

The chemistry department's sixth annual Golden Goggles Lecture will be Monday at 7 p.m. in the Davis Science Building, Room 100. David Walbo from the University of Colorado in Boulder will speak on "Molecules to Materials: Ferroelectric Liquid Crystals and the Future of Information Displays." Walbo's current projects involve synthesis of organic materials for optoelectronics and photonics, application of computational approaches for design of photonic materials, studies of liquid crystal/solid surface interfaces, and topological stereochemistry. The lecture will be sponsored by the MTSU Chemistry Club and the Nashville Section of the American Chemical Society. For more information, call 898-2071.

The Knoll setting for Earth Day Fun

Booths, exhibits and activists will spectacle The Knoll Friday in celebration of Earth Day. The holiday falls on a weekend this year, which is why the university community is celebrating on Friday.

The events will include: grade-schoolers from Hobgood and Campus School will have their Earth Day projects on display; Yoruba story telling will take place at 12:30 p.m.; volleyball games to emphasis social competition as healthy and constructive; a recycling project; massage therapists to emphasis the symbolism between our body's health and the environment; and a student drum circle.

Melissa Shelby, one of the main organizers of the day's events, will also present her psychology observation. Shelby will be on The Knoll from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to share in the activities.

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What to wear: Shorts, T-Shirt, Tennis Shoes

What to bring: Each participant needs to bring Proof of Insurance, Proof of Enrollment at MTSU or Acceptance Letter to MTSU.

Tryout Process: There will be clinics on April 27, 28, and 29 in which participants will learn materials and demonstrate skills. Participants will be evaluated at all clinics and cuts will be made after each clinic. Participants will be evaluated on the following.

- Sidelines Chant, Fight Song, and Cheer all with incorporation of stunting and/or tumbling, Dance (Females Only)
- Partner Stunts such as: Toss Shoulders Pop Off, Walk in Extension Pop Off, Toss Liberty Pop Off, Toss Stretch Full Cradle
- Standing Back Handspring, Standing Back Tuck, Standing Back Handspring Back Tuck
- Running Tumbling Series consisting of at least a Round Off Back Handspring Back Tuck
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Mock Trial team mediates way to national Top-10

By Rebecca Pickering
Staff Writer

For the tenth consecutive year, the MTSU Mock Trial team placed in the Top-10 at the National Intercollegiate Mock Trial Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa.

In addition to placing tenth nationally as a team against 64 distinguished teams, MTSU's Virginia Vile, a junior, received a Top Ten Attorney Award for her role in the tournament.

This year's tournament centered on a hypothetical civil case involving the liability for a death by a climbing company that took tours to the top of Mt. Everest, said John Vile, chair of the political science department and one of the two team coaches. Teams took turns playing plaintiff and defense roles in

alternate rounds. In the end, MTSU came out on top.

Virginia Vile's top ten ranking was in competition with over 200 other students. Top attorneys are judged on a scale of one to three, with one being the best. She was ranked one by three judges and two by the fourth judge. This ranking placed her among the best mock trial attorneys in the nation.

While Virginia Vile was excited about her award, she said the scoring system was not fair for other members of the team.

"Every one of my team members deserved one of those (individual) awards," she said. "The judges would nominate one of my team members for the one rank, while the other judge would nominate another of my team members. They cancelled each other out."

The winning team was composed of senior Kyle Dodd, junior Maya Nitis, senior Adrian Shaffar, freshman Amy Solomon, senior Jarrod Stone, senior Allison Vantrease and Virginia Vile. Jeremy Bussel and Douglas Sadler served as timekeepers for the team. MTSU teams are coached by John Vile and Clyde Willis.

"These students have worked very hard, and have done a great job," said John Vile. "Many of our students will be going to law school, and this is invaluable preparation for them."

"I have known I wanted to be a lawyer since I was about 12 years old," Vantrease said. She said being on the team for the past two years has taught her a lot about litigation. Vantrease plans to attend law school at the University of Tennessee at

Knoxville, training to be a plaintiff attorney doing trial work possibly in medical and insurance malpractice cases. Ultimately she plans to become a judge.

Solomon, an early childhood education major, has no such desires.

"I'm in it for fun," she said. "Any time when I make a deal or compromise with someone, I know it is a skill I learned from Mock Trial." Solomon plans on continuing on the team for the duration of her time at MTSU.

Over the past year, the team has seen numerous accomplishments which led to the national competition.

John Vile said the team qualified after placing second in regional competition at Samford University in Alabama. Throughout the year, the team

has competed in tournaments at MTSU, Spartansburg, South Carolina, Bellarmine University in Kentucky, Rhodes College in Memphis, Samford, Kennesaw College in Georgia and the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. The team placed first in the first annual Mediation Tournament which was held in Des Moines last fall.

Along with John Vile and Willis' guidance, the MTSU teams also seek advice from local attorneys and judges in preparation for competition.

Vantrease said outside constructive criticism always helps and is appreciated. She said when the judges give feedback after competition, those comments allow the team to improve their points in the next competition.

The team received financial

help from the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and from the student activity fee funds for the trip to nationals.

John Vile encourages students who are interested in getting involved in these activities to sign up for political science classes offered in the fall.

Many team members are graduating this spring, to the teams are actively recruiting for next year.

"Students do not have to be political science majors," Virginia Vile said. "We just want people interested in playing the professional part of an attorney or the dramatic part of a witness."

If you are interested in participating, or for more information about the Mock Trial team, contact John Vile or Willis in the political science department. ♦

Dance: Senior Company to perform relationship-themed dances throughout show

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a dance major. Next fall there will be three dance production classes offered.

In addition to the dance club there is the Senior Company, an audition group of 20 dancers. This alumni group of dancers performed at the Black College Dance Exchange this year in Atlanta.

This year the Senior Company will follow a theme, performed intermittently throughout the evening, showing the different stages of relationships, from boy meets girl to getting married. One dance showing the humorous courting ritual is choreographed to Bjork's "Like Someone in Love." Members of the local theatre group, Not Necessarily

Shakespeare, Not Necessarily in the Park, help out as suitable suitors.

A hand-clapping, foot-stomping dance is choreographed to Aretha Franklin's "Resurrection." Songs range from the popular Pink song "You Make Me Sick" to Shania Twain's "From This Moment."

"The show's not limited to a specific genre of music; there's a

variety," said Vida Whipple, Director of the Senior Company.

"I don't know if I chose dance or dance chose me," said Whipple. "Every part of me feels it - my toes, my heart, my blood, my veins - that's my passion - to get out there and perform."

Angela Armstrong, Director of MTSU's Performing Arts Company and dance instructor agrees, "When the music turns

on, it feels like home."

The company meets on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30. There is a \$5.00 membership due which funds workshops with guest instructors. Each semester auditions are held for the student-choreographed production.

"Students take a piece of their own personality and form a dance," said Whipple. "It's open

to any student to come and choreograph. It allows people to use their own creativity."

The shows begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and are expected to last a couple of hours. Tickets are \$3.00 for students and faculty and \$5.00 for the general public. For more information, contact Angela Armstrong at 898-5857 or email at dance@mtsu.edu. ♦

Move: Art department will move to Todd in 2003

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Another feature of the Todd Building will be the large windows opening into the hall. People walking through Todd will be able to observe the art students at work.

"We hope this will make the visual arts more appealing," said Price. "Students wandering through will be able to see the process and may become interested in taking an art history class."

Price said he hopes that the windows will help make this a more art friendly campus. He also pointed out that this will go along with the PACE initiative, the Partnership in Arts, Communication, and

Entertainment started in 1999 to improve on-campus relations and facilities for those fields.

The Albert Gore Research Center is also making plans for their new space in Todd. Like the art department, limited space has inhibited the growth of the Gore Center. Currently, the Gore Center has about 2,500 square feet. The move into Todd will more than double that space.

"The Gore Center is completely out of space and has been since it opened in 1993," said Director Lisa Pruitt.

Pruitt said the move will help serve students better. Right now all of the work in the center is done in the same room. The

move to Todd will allow a research room for students separate from the office and storage area. A space is planned for teachers to bring their classes and use the center as a teaching tool.

The move will allow the Gore Center to expand its collections. Already acquired collections from the Tennessee Folklore Society and the Women's Club in Murfreesboro will not be relocated to campus until the center moves in to Todd.

The Gore Center plans on having more lectures and exhibits and expanding its Middle Tennessee Oral History Project, which documents the memories of people living in the Middle Tennessee area. ♦

Physics: Study to be collaboration

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previously, according to Congressman Bart Gordon.

"Both men have been involved in similar work for more than 20 years and have previously received Department of Energy research grants," Gordon said.

Carlton said while he and Winters have collaborated while working at separate schools over the years, this project will be the first time they have worked jointly on a project except when they were at ORNL together.

Included in the grant money is funding for one to two students to assist, but Carlton said none have been selected yet.

Carlton believes many benefits can come from the study, both in practical applications and in the form of models or new insights that lead to future applications.

"Past experience has shown this to be a responsible investment in the future of our nation or the corporation," he said. "This [study]...has the satisfying effect of helping us see how everything we observe can be understood in terms of physical science." ♦

MTSU COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AWARDS RECEPTION

APRIL 19, 2001
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Shannon Bain

Clayton Hawes Scholarship
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Stephen W. Lehner

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Outstanding Students in French
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Kathleen Darby
presented by: Charles Frost

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Aaron Voynat
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Marian Clark Scholarship
Jennifer Wilson, Melinda Vanatta-Davis, Amanda Tucker, Libbie Gonca, Terri Terrell, Katherine Dupuy, Deborah Sumruld, Kathleen Darby, Lindsay Smith, Courtney Cole, Pamela Sheldon, Larisa Chernish, Jennifer McDougal, Sophia Bunch, Sandra Madaris, Wendi Bravo, Donna Laurent, Chris Berry, Sandi Hines, Lori Bennett, Crystal Henderson, Heather Beaman, Andrew Grimes, Kelly Bartlett, Adrian Archuleta, Lea Anderson

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Andrew Duncan
presented by: Nancy Boone

Outstanding Achievement - Percussion
John Hearnes
presented by: Nancy Boone

Outstanding Achievement in Music History & Literature
Crystal Dawn Underhill
presented by: Nancy Boone

Outstanding Achievement in Choral Music Education

Jeremy Jones
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Outstanding Achievement in Instrumental Music Education

Heather Freeman
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Outstanding Performance in Vocal Performance

Alice Matlock
presented by: Nancy Boone

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From the staff

Current teacher evaluation forms completely useless

It's that time in the semester again when students get to "evaluate" their professors.

Most students realize that these evaluations are completely useless and serve as nothing more than a rubber stamp.

The administration issues the forms for students to fill out and then claim that students are have some say in the education which they are paying for.

A couple of years ago, there was a movement to change the current questionnaire to a form which would allow more student input. The initiative was shot down because a new standardized, scientific method couldn't be invented.

Some faculty members agree that the current system is pointless, and that a new one needs to be implemented.

In honors classes, the evaluations include an essay section where students are allowed to write more subjective critiques of their professors. This is a good idea, but it is unfortunate that the essay system is limited to honors classes.

Maybe a better solution would be for the administration to randomly pull two or three students from each of professors classes and interview them in person with the respective dean of each college.

It would be almost impossible to do this with every professor each semester, but maybe a system could be worked out where each dean evaluated half of the professors each semester.

This way, the administration could find out what students are really feeling and get a better, more complete picture of how their professors are doing.

HERE'S THE DEAL

Anti-drug provision needs to go

Murderers, rapists and burglars can breathe a sigh of relief — they can still get financial aid for college from the federal government. But the truly vile criminals out there — drug users — are finally getting what they deserve: no help to go to college.

A provision of the Higher Education Act of 1998 mandates that any student convicted of a drug-related offense, no matter how minor, be denied eligibility for federal financial aid. This means that even if you're caught with something as harmless as marijuana stems in your garbage and convicted for using an illicit substance, you are absolutely ineligible to receive financial aid from the government for at least one year. Of course, if you're convicted of murder, arson, rape or any other felony, you're still perfectly eligible for federal funding. Yes, you heard me right.

You have just ignored quiet little question No. 35 when filling out your FAFSA last year,



Lindsey Turner
Assistant News Editor

but for at least 7,000 students who answered the question honestly and admitted to their convictions, it proved detrimental to their quest for education. And now Congress has decided to deny aid to students who simply leave the question blank. No questions asked.

The provision is unfair from many angles besides the fact that it ignores non-drug-related felonies. First, placing barriers between students and education is not going to deter drug use. If anything, it could increase it. Why should the government put its bureaucratic foot in that way of any student and education and then complain and

fret about increased drug usage? It's counterproductive.

Secondly, the provision completely ignores campuses' major drug problem — alcohol. Alcohol abuse has long plagued college campuses, but no one has suggested yanking financial aid from students caught drinking to help deter people from becoming alcoholics.

And more importantly, perhaps, it only targets kids in low to moderate-income families who can't afford to pay full-price tuition. Wealthy offenders from healthy families can still go to college.

United States Representative Mark Souder gives a big thumbs-up to the provision. After all, it was his idea. He wrote in a USA Today column that "the law sends a clear message: Actions have consequences and using or selling drugs will ruin your future."

(I suppose he is talking about drugs other than those that former President Clinton, former

Vice President Gore and our esteemed President Bush used in their frivolous youths, since their lives seem to be going quite well. But that is another topic for another day.)

His argument seems crisp and tidy enough, but we must be realistic. America is, amazingly, still in the throes of a war on drugs that is slowly but surely crumbling. This provision is just another desperate attempt by legislators to abolish casual drug use completely without considering that society's real problem lies in drug abuse.

Fortunately, there is one congressman with some sense on the matter. On Feb. 28 of this year, Barney Frank (D-MA) introduced a bill to Congress that would repeal the anti-drug provision. This bill, called H.R. 786, is already being backed by 29 other representatives (none from Tennessee — what a surprise).

Over 24 student governments, including those

at Yale and the University of Michigan, have passed resolutions that call for implementation of H.R. 786.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Organization of Women and the American Civil Liberties Union are just three of the many national groups backing Frank's bill.

As of now, MTSU's Student Government Association has not passed a formal resolution supporting the bill. But it's crucial that we, the student body, encourage them to do so by raising the question at their weekly meetings.

It's time for students to stand up and speak out against stupid irrational laws.

If enough voices unite, the politicians must listen, even if it's reluctantly.

To find out more information, visit www.RaiseYourVoice.com, www.ssd.org, or www.drc-net.org.

BATHROOM STALL GRAFFITI

Taking a page from Joe's jaded journal

I found a journal out in the library. I thought I'd print an excerpt from it, so whoever owns it can come and claim it. Its from some guy named Joe.

If you know anyone named Joe, tell him to come by and get his journal. Here is the first page from Joe's Journal.

I got up this morning at seven. Class is at eight. My roommate is still asleep. I'd try to be quiet, but I despise him. He hates me as well, though he's never shown in any sign of it. We are at war, though it would take a keen eye to see the battle. It's a passive aggressive war between two passive aggressive young men. He keeps the room at a temperature uncomfortable for him because he knows



Nick Fowler
Staff Columnist

it will make me uncomfortable too.

I always make noise when he's asleep. I'm careful to make it seem as if I'm trying not to make noise, but I'm not. His mother called yesterday. I told her I hadn't seen him in about three days, and, if he doesn't come back tomorrow, I was going to smoke all his pot and sell his heroin to that whore

girlfriend of his that keeps coming by. His mother seemed concerned.

I went to history class. I think I enrolled in the remedial section. The other kids are stupid. I worry about them. They are all business majors.

Next class is Introduction to Mass Communications. This class would be all right if it weren't for all those RIM majors. A kid sitting next to me asks, "What kind of music do you like?" I knew this was a loaded question.

He was a music Nazi. I could tell by his clothes from the thrift store. He wanted to know what kind of music I listened to so he could judge me on his coolness scale. I quickly made up some bands.

"Incandescent Freewheelers, Blue Gravy and The Morning After Pills are my favorites. [Also,] anything else indie-rock-neo-alt-grunge-electronica with influences from French hip-hop." He lied and said those were pretty cool bands, but he'd never listened to Blue Gravy. I hate people.

I went to lunch at the JUB. Three people tried to buy marijuana from me. I don't sell drugs, but my roommate has been telling people I do. He's angry because I gave all his clothes to the union mission. I saw a RIM major wearing his shirt yesterday.

So I went to work. I work at the library. It's my job to find people looking

at pornography. I catch three or four guys a week looking at animal porno. Usually it's just a lonely young man, but I caught a professor once. He insisted it was for a paper he was publishing in a journal. I knew he was lying, but I let him go. I'm going to take his class next semester. I'm sure I'll get an A.

I decided to read the latest issue of Sidelines while I worked. I hate the newspaper. It's always the same. University spends money. Students

whine. Some guy has an opinion based on something he saw on CNN, then there's a bunch of advertisements for crap that no one wants.

I think I will transfer to another school. ♦

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Letters to the Editor

Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to stupubs@mtsu.edu. Letters may be edited for length, grammar or content.

Students not getting money's worth for books

To the editor:

It nears that time of year where college students everywhere ponder the question, "Am I going to keep this book or sell it back?"

In most instances, that book is sold back for \$5 or \$10 before the question has finished one lap around the old gray matter.

Every now and then we come upon the complete works of William Shakespeare from an English literature class that is worth its

weight in gold and must be kept. But most books are sold back with little thought about doing so and with little refund.

Worse yet, many of the books are barely opened.

I find myself delving through the hundreds of dollars in books I bought this semester. I've opened one book twice and forgot I had another.

Some may expect this kind of rant from a sub-par student. However, I have a none-to-shabby G.P.A., and I was recently inducted into an academic honor society here on campus.

I am also a member of a statistically determined, dying breed — book lovers. Books are magical and wonderful.

Well, not most textbooks. I find more often than not that \$85 dollars could have

been better spent on food, clothes or gas.

I think institutions of higher learning should step back and ask themselves why their students are spending millions of dollars each year on books they don't read. I think the answer is obvious. It's illegal to simply copy the 10 pages of useful information from those texts and distribute them to the students.

Perish the thought of depriving the textbook publishers of the \$70 profit on a book that cost them \$10 to make. Perish the thought of schools not reaping the windfall from buying back those barely used textbooks at staggering prices. I once sold back a pair of books from English 101 that contained the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey." I got \$1 a piece for them. \$1!

Jared Webster



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CAMPUS LIFE

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Thursday, April 19, 2001

Murfreesboro, TN

Dying to find a home



Kittens at the Rutherford County Animal Shelter cuddle in their cage catching the attention of passersby.

Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Chief Photographer

Shelter fighting image, low funding and small staff



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James Howard, Animal Services Officer, gives a kitten that is being adopted dewormer before he is taken home. The kitten was held one night before being let go with its new owner.

By Jay Carlton
Contributor

Jerry Brown waits in the reception area with a box of puppies he brought from his farm. Wearing overalls, a red-flannel shirt and a Texas Rangers ball cap, the Murfreesboro resident returned home from vacationing in the Lone Star State to find a litter of puppies waiting for him. Now he's hoping they can find homes of their own.

"I just got back and found these puppies in the barn," says the silver-haired Brown with a Southern drawl. "I'm sure there's a mother running around somewhere looking for them."

This situation is all too familiar: animals in need of a good home. The problem is that there aren't enough homes available. And, ultimately,

many of them wind up here — at the dog pound.

"We prefer to be called the 'animal shelter' rather than the 'dog pound,'" says Tracy Hill, director of Rutherford County Animal Services.

They're understaffed, underfunded and misunderstood. Employees of the Rutherford County Animal Shelter deal with a lack of funding, animal overpopulation and coping with the stereotype of "dog catcher."

Located at 1140 Haley Rd. in Murfreesboro, this antiquated facility serves as a temporary home to stray and owner-relinquished animals countywide. As Rutherford County has grown over the years, the 3,000 square-foot red-brick building that houses homeless animals hasn't sufficiently expanded to accommodate the needs of our furry four-legged friends.

According to Hill, the amount of space needed to cope with the ever-growing problem of animal overpopulation is more than three times the facility's current size.

"We did a study to determine how much space was needed," says Hill, who's held her current position as director since December 1999. "We determined we needed 10,000 square feet. We're looking at building a facility with 11,000 square feet."

Rutherford County has earmarked \$1.5 million for the construction of a new building that's more conducive to the needs of both Animal Services employees and the temporary visitors they serve.

"They're just shopping for the land right now," remarks Hill of the yet-to-be-determined site of the new shelter. "They're looking for land that the county commissioners will agree on."

Until the new facility can be built, the staff of 12, which, according to Hill, is two shy of what's needed to run at optimum efficiency, will have to



Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Chief Photographer

A local resident checks out a puppy at the Rutherford County Animal Shelter.

make do with what they have.

"Fourteen would be fully staffed," Hill says. "We're only operating with 12."

"We have a hard time finding people to do this type of work. The money is an issue. It's a very high-stress job. The officers have to worry about their own safety and the safety of the animals."

Decorated with a midnight-blue ceiling and accented with brilliant stars, the cat room seems more like a baby's nursery than an animal shelter. The walls are painted white with blue trim and

curtains printed with kittens drape the windows. On the wall beside the tub is a painting of a puppy, a bird and a tree.

There's even a bottle of baby shampoo conveniently placed on the side of the tub.

Stephanie Lopp, from Antioch, looks carefully at each cat. Walking from cage to cage, she's hoping to make an addition to her family. She's chosen to adopt.

Making up her mind is the hard part.

See **Animal Shelter, 8**

Take a ride with "The Drunk Schitzo Show"

By Brian Spencer
Staff Writer

Let's face it, by the time the sun has gone down on an average Saturday night, a lot of you have commenced in kicking a few cold ones to get your night started with style. So what better music could you ask for on the radio during these moments of relaxation than "The Drunk Schitzo Show" with Night Train from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. every week on 88.3 WMTS.

Travis Lane, a.k.a. Night Train, is the resident schitzo who pieces together a wide array of music that is befitting for the name of his program.

"The name 'Drunk Schitzo' came from a Fishbone song, and I decided to use it because I don't really stick to any format of music," Lane says. "I could play a Faith No More song

and then go right into some Marcus Miller, who's a jazzy bass player."

Lane is a sophomore from Chattanooga, TN, and a recording major with an emphasis on production and technology. He first got involved with the radio station when he became a regular on a morning show this past summer with RealDef, WMTS's new program director. That experience peaked his interest in becoming a DJ, and he was able to get his own show last fall.

More than anything, Lane enjoys being able to contribute to the ever-changing face of the station.

"I try to keep my show as diverse as possible — playing everything from jazz fusion to more progressive rock."

Right now, there's a lot of different kind of shows going on, and it's good for a college station like ours to be well-rounded.

"The Drunk Schitzo Show" is as well-rounded as any, with a typical play list consisting of bands such as Lost Tribe, Banyan, Weather Report, Medeski, Martin, Wood and Mr. Bungle.

Because of this random mix of music, Lane says that he



Photo by Brian Spencer | Staff

Travis Lane a.k.a. The Night Train can be heard on WMTS on Saturday night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

often gets some pretty bizarre requests from callers.

"A lot of times people will call up asking for side projects of the people in some band, and I may have not even heard of it. So it's cool because, while I've hopefully turned somebody onto music they hadn't heard before, I've also learned of some great music from people calling in and telling me about it too."

In the future, Lane hopes to line up in-studio interviews with bands from around the area and to feature a different co-host every week to add to the schizophrenic nature of his program. So, for a smooth soundtrack to your Saturday night festivities, don't forget to tune in to "The Drunk Schitzo Show." ♦

ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Leslie Fike - Copy Editor

Thursday, April 19

MTSU Films presents Student Film Festival, a juried competition for any MTSU student who wishes to enter their original film or video. All videos are shown at 7 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2551.

The KUC Art Cube is displaying a Theatrical Design Exhibition through April 30.

The Holocaust Studies Committee is hosting "Children on the Run: Eva and Eric Rosenfield Remember" in the Cason Kennedy Nursing Building Room 121 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, contact Jimmie Cain at 898-5960.

Sigma Xi's Annual Banquet is at 6 p.m. in the Foundation Reception House. For more information, contact Dr. Eric Klumpe at 898-2483.

A Living/Learning Committee Luncheon is in the JUB Dining Room C at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Laurie Witherow at 898-2660.

Friday, April 20

An Earth Day Celebration is in KUC Courtyard and inside the KUC. MTSU Films is showing FREE feature films in the KUC Theater and live music, student talent, vendors, games and organizational booths are outside. Know any stupid human tricks? Bring it on! Events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2551.

Phi Mu Alpha's Composition Competition is at 3 p.m. in Wright Music Hall. For more information, contact Tim Musselman at 898-2493.

The State Handbell Festival is in Murphy Center Gym A and B at 8 a.m. through April 21. For more information, contact Debra Trapp at 898-2861.

The American Beefalo International Sale is in the Tennessee Livestock Center through April 21. The sale starts April 21 at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Bob Melton at 563-5260.

The Author's Reception 2001 Young Author's Conference is in the Foundation Reception House at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Dr. Bobbie Solley at 898-5934.

The Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Banquet is at 5 p.m. at Opryland Hotel, Nashville. Ticket cost is \$20. For more information, contact Dr. Gloria Bonner at 898-2874.

Saturday, April 21

The Tennessee Llama Community Show is in the Tennessee Livestock Center at 9 a.m. The show starts at 10 a.m. April 22. For more information, contact Richard Knie at 931-295-5299.

A Saxophone Festival is in Wright Music Hall at 8 a.m. For more information, contact Tim Musselman at 898-2493.

Sunday, April 22

MTSU Concerts presents The John Scofield Band at 8 p.m. in Tucker Theatre. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2551.

The Photography Department is hosting a Student Show in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. A reception follows the opening. The exhibit is open until June 14. For more information, contact Professor Jimison.

Monday, April 23

"Career: Choices and Challenges" Honors Lecture Series presents speaker Pam Holder, DBN, RN and Director of MTSU's School of Nursing, in Peck Hall 109A from 3 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2152.

Thursday, April 26

The June Anderson Women's Center hosts a Free Legal Clinic at its Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Appointments to speak with an attorney can be made by calling the JAWC at 898-2193. Space is limited.

Friday, April 27

MTSU Fine Arts presents Virtual Reality Multi-Ride Thrill Pavilion in the KUC Courtyard. The computer-generated wonderland can entertain 150 people an hour. Team up and compete or simply enjoy the experience. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2551.

Phi Sigma Pi Honors Fraternity is sponsoring a car wash for the public Friday, April 27 in the Fuddrucker's parking lot from 10:15 a.m.-2 p.m. The car wash is free, but tips are accepted and appreciated.

ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Up 'Til Dawn Committee is taking applications until April 23. The applications are available in KUC Rooms 306 and 122.

The MTSU Martial Arts Club meets weekly on Tuesday and Thursday in the Recreation Center from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. For more information, contact Billy Colepaugh at 898-2104.

Live in Franklin, Brentwood or Cool Springs and want to save time, gas and energy? Join the student carpool. E-mail your schedule, contact information and questions to franklinpcarpool@aol.com.

Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational campus ministry, invites everyone to attend CRU, the weekly fellowship and worship meeting Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC Room 221. For more information, contact Mike Lipscomb at 848-6741 or Eric Rodgers at 896-2039.

The final date to pay outstanding debts to MTSU to access your grades via TRAM or WEBMT and/or receive a printed grade report upon request is May 11, 2001.

Student Activities

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KUC Theater

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Animal shelter: Facing extermination, animals looking for homes

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"Oh, I wish I could take them all," Lopp says with a heart felt voice. "I had a cat for 13 years and had to give it up because my daughter had bad allergies."

"We had to get rid of the cat instead of getting rid of the daughter. Her allergies are better now, so we decided to get another cat."

Dogs and cats alike continuously arrive at the shelter. Stray animals with identification are kept for five days before being "put down." Animals without identification are given three days. Often, people just tire of their pets and bring them to the shelter to get rid of them.

Besides having insufficient

space to keep pace with the sheer volume of animals that come in and out of the shelter's doors, there are other problems to contend with. The dog cages are too small. The ventilation system isn't up to standards. There isn't any air conditioning where the dogs are kept and the operating budget is too low.

"It gets hot in here in the summer," Hill says. "It might be 98 degrees. Only the cat room and the front room have air conditioning."

Despite valiant efforts to maintain as clean an environment as possible, the stench of feces and urine cannot be avoided.

In addition, the dogs bark incessantly. Beautiful dogs occupy these cages too, though,

besides the unsightly ones you might expect — German shepherds, Labrador retrievers and strikingly attractive mixed breeds, among others.

Not all the dogs bark, however. Some of them just sit and tremble and many are vying the attention of passersby. As they bark, it's like they're saying, "Pick me, pick me."

Unfortunately, time passes quickly for these helpless creatures. The reality is, there's only so much room. Many of the occupants of these cages will be euthanized to free up space.

"We try to give all dogs the opportunity to get adopted," Hill says. "Older dogs don't usually get adopted. The puppies and small dogs have more 'adoptability.'"

"The amount of time these dogs are kept is based on space availability."

According to Hill, many employees are pet owners themselves. She says they're in this line of work because they "want to help animals." She also says she fears the public has a bad perception of Animal Services employees.

"Most of the people that work here do this because they love animals," explains Hill. "They want to make sure they're treated properly. Most people here have pets of their own."

Behind the main building is the "incinerator room," where dogs that aren't able to find homes are put down. It's a humane death — quick and painless. The room is used as a

storage facility. There are two incinerators, lots of dog and cat food and medical supplies.

"Buford is a 'golden-mix' whose owner brought him in this morning because he's old," says Animal Services employee Maria Schau, as she leads him to the incinerator room. "He suffers from arthritis and he can't walk anymore."

Putting her arms around Buford's neck as if she's hugging him, Schau holds the dog tightly and begins to talk in a soothing voice to ease his anxiety. Hill quickly fills the syringe with Fatal-Plus, which attacks an animal's nervous system and shuts the body down.

Buford is still wagging his tail and his body is trembling. He gracefully extends his leg for-

ward when Hill reaches for it. She looks for the proper vein to inject the solution into.

Within moments, the tail stops wagging. No more trembling. His head drops. Buford is gone.

Euthanasia is part of the job. Hill says it's not easy.

"You never really get used to it." When I was working for a shelter in Florida in '90, I made friends with the animals. I went home and bawled."

As hard as it can be on the employees, the dogs can tell something is coming. They know what awaits them. It's hard on them too.

"These dogs can smell death in the air," Hill says candidly. "They definitely know. ♦"

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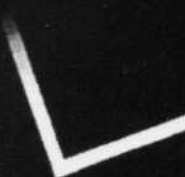
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The Two Minute Drill



Colleen Cox Staff Writer

Commentary

It's about time we started paying attention to the Middle Tennessee softball team. More students pay attention to intramural softball than to our own university team. Tuesday Stacyc Preator pulled off a near impossible feat. She tossed the first perfect game in school history, and there were more Austin Peay fans there to see it than Middle fans. Not only did Preator pitch a perfect game, but the Lady Raiders won their 10th straight game. With the wins Tuesday, Middle tied up its third consecutive 30-win season. The Lady Raider offense has brought excitement to what otherwise would be boring shutouts. From the top of the lineup to the bottom, almost every batter is getting on base. Shutouts have been anything but rare for Middle Tennessee's pitchers lately. Preator and Jennifer Martinez have pitched 70 consecutive innings without allowing an earned run. Preator has pitched 16 innings without allowing a run earned or unearned. Until Tuesday's seventh inning, Martinez had pitched 33 innings without allowing a run of any sort. The Lady Raiders are on a roll and could use some support.

The annual Chuck Taylor Golf Tournament benefiting Blue Raider baseball has been scheduled for June 5 at Indian Hills Golf Club.

The tournament is a four-player scramble with an entry fee set at \$115 per player.

Each player in the tournament will be treated to a barbecue lunch prior to teeing off, a goody bag, free beverages on the course, a red tee and a muligan, and a Hole-in-One chance for a cash prize. There will also be prizes for "closest to the pin" and "longest drive."

Prizes will be given for first through fifth place. First prize is a new set of golf clubs, second prize is golf bags, and third prize will receive Reebok gift packages.

Registration and lunch is set for 11:30 am - 1 pm with a shotgun start slated for 1 pm.

Also, hole sponsorships are available for \$100 each.

The Blue Raider baseball team will host its annual Optimist Little League Day at 1 PM on Sunday, April 29 when Middle Tennessee takes on New Mexico State in a Sun Belt Conference match-up.

All Youth League players are admitted free to the game with a paying adult. Players are also encouraged to wear their uniforms. Participating players are invited to parade onto the field prior to the National Anthem and stand at their position.

All foul balls hit into the stands on that day will be souvenirs along with many other contests and give-aways throughout the game.

Fans wishing to attend the game can contact an Optimist Little League coach or purchase their special ticket to the game.

Anyone wishing to obtain more information about the tickets should contact Bill Shacklett with the Optimist Little League at 893-2369. ♦

Preator pitches first perfect game



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Sophomore Stacyc Preator from El Cajon, California pitches the first perfect game in school history Tuesday against Austin Peay. She faced 21 batters without allowing any to reach base. She had seven strikeouts and improved her record to 14-4 on the season.

By Colleen Cox
Staff Writer

Stacyc Preator pitched a perfect game Tuesday afternoon at Lady Raider Field as the Lady Raiders swept a doubleheader with Austin Peay.

Preator's perfect game came in the second game of the doubleheader. The offense provided seven runs of support, but Preator had the game under control.

"After the second inning, Kelly (Cormier) said she liked three-up, three-down, and to keep doing what I was doing," Preator said. "The defense really played well and it just worked out today."

Middle Tennessee started the offensive onslaught in the second inning. Lindsay Azevedo got things started with a single to left field. Courtney Wallace sacrificed Azevedo to second. Ashlie Way, who was playing for an injured Kristina Heib, walked. Steffi Silva doubled to score Azevedo. Kip Phillips singled to right to scoring two more and giving the Lady Raiders a 3-0 lead.

The offense struck again in the fourth with another run. Kelly Cormier led off the inning with a double to right center. Jennifer Polsteen came in to run for Cormier. Way grounded out

allowing Polsteen to advance to third. Silva delivered again with a RBI single.

Middle took advantage of mistakes in the fifth inning. Jennifer Martinez reached third on an error. Wallace also reached on an error allowing the run to score. Cormier followed with her second double knocking in Wallace. Way walked. Cormier advanced to third on a wild pitch. Silva plated Cormier with a sacrifice fly, scoring the Lady Raiders final run.

"Stacyc did a great job today," head coach Karen Green said. "This is very exciting for our program and very exciting for Stacyc."

In the first game, Martinez had her consecutive scoreless inning streak snapped at 33 when Austin Peay scored an unearned run in the seventh inning.

The Lady Raiders scored one run in the second inning to take the early lead. Martinez led off the inning with a double to left field. Azevedo followed with a single advancing Martinez to third. Azevedo went to second on the throw. Cormier knocked in Martinez with a sacrifice fly to left.

The score remained 1-0 until the bottom of the sixth. Erica Buhl singled. Martinez busted

out the whooping stick with a homerun down the right field line. The homer was the first of Martinez's career. Azevedo grounded a single up the middle. Wallace reached on a fielder's choice. Cormier knocked a double to score Wallace. Silva singled to right scoring Cormier and giving Middle a 5-0 lead.

Austin Peay scored its only run in the top of the seventh. After two singles, an error by the right fielder allowed a run to score. The Lady Raiders held on for the 5-1 win.

Martinez gave up five hits and one unearned run in seven innings. She struck out five and walked one.

Azevedo batted 4-for-6 with three runs scored and two RBI for the day. Cormier went 3-for-4 scoring one run and knocking in three in the doubleheader. Silva was 2-for-2 with three RBI in the second game. Martinez went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and two RBI in the first game.

With the two wins Tuesday, the Lady Raiders recorded their third consecutive 30-win season.

The Lady Raiders will attempt to climb the Sun Belt standings this weekend at New Mexico State. ♦

Blue Raiders prepare for dogfight

By R. Colin Fly
Sports Editor

The Blue Raiders lock up with the Bulldogs from Louisiana Tech in a three game set this weekend.

Middle Tennessee (29-8, 9-6 in Sun Belt Conference) is caught in a large jam at the top of the Sun Belt Conference standings. They are currently in

first place by winning percentage with .778, but there are six other teams tied or within one game.

The top eight teams in the conference advance to the conference tournament. There are 10 baseball-playing colleges in the conference.

Louisiana Tech (19-18, 5-9 in Sun Belt) is currently in eighth, 2.5 games behind the Blue

Raiders. The Bulldogs, however, are in a fight for their playoff lives, only a half game up on the UALR Trojans, which Middle Tennessee swept last weekend.

The Blue Raiders are the hottest team in the Sun Belt winning their last six in a row, including the last three in the Sun Belt, and need to win the series this weekend to keep pace.

Junior Dewon Brazelton (8-1) leads the NCAA in earned run average, averaging just under 1.00. He'll take the hill Friday and likely match-up against junior college transfer Casey Blalock.

Blalock (3-2, 3.99 ERA) has started 10 times and pitched three complete games this season.

Tim Meadows is the leading

hitter for the Bulldogs. He's hitting .325 with 10 home runs and 44 RBI.

Josh Renick will try to defend his Player of the Week award and improve on his .696 batting average from last week.

Friday's game starts at 7 p.m., Saturday's at 2 p.m. and Sunday's at 1 p.m. ♦

Lady Raiders seek to extend streak

By Colleen Cox
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee heads to warm New Mexico this weekend to face New Mexico State in Sun Belt softball action.

The Lady Raiders have won their last ten games. Their last loss came against Sun Belt foe Louisiana-Lafayette.

Pitcher Stacyc Preator extended her scoreless inning streak to 16 with a perfect game Tuesday. She has only allowed one unearned run in her last 30 innings of work on the mound.

Number one pitcher Jennifer Martinez snapped her scoreless inning streak at 33 Tuesday. She has not



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Jennifer Martinez pitches Tuesday. Stacyc Preator threw a perfect game in the second game of the doubleheader.

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FRIDAY

Baseball

Blue Raiders vs. La. Tech
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m.

Softball

Lady Raiders at New Mexico State
Las Cruces, N.M., 7 p.m.

Tennis

Sun Belt Championships
Location and time TBA

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SATURDAY

Baseball

Blue Raiders vs. La. Tech
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 2 p.m.

Softball

Lady Raiders at New Mexico State (DH)
Las Cruces, N.M., 3 p.m.

Tennis

Sun Belt Championships
Location and time TBA

Outdoor Track

Vanderbilt Invitational
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SUNDAY

Baseball

Blue Raiders vs. La. Tech
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1 p.m.

Softball

Lady Raiders at New Mexico State
Las Cruces, N.M., 1 p.m.

Tennis

Sun Belt Championships
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MONDAY

Golf

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TUESDAY

Golf

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WEDNESDAY

Baseball

Blue Raiders vs. Cumberland
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m.

Softball

Lady Raiders at Samford (DH)
Birmingham, Ala., 4 p.m.

Golf

Sun Belt Conference Championship
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Softball: Lady Raiders ranked No. 1 in Sun Belt pitching

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allowed an earned run in 34 innings.

Together the two pitchers have not allowed an earned run in 70 innings.

They have also held opposing batters to a miniscule .107 batting average.

Middle ranks number one in the Sun Belt for team pitching. The staff as a whole has a 1.12 ERA in 306 innings of work. They have rung up 305 batters this season while giving only 61 free passes.

Pretor was the second best pitcher in the Sun Belt conference as of Sunday. At that time she had a 13-4 record and 1.23 ERA. She also was third in strikeouts with 116.

Martinez was the fourth best pitcher in the Sun Belt with a 1.30 ERA and 9-9 record. She had 128 strikeouts to rank second.

New Mexico State features three pitchers in the top 15 in the Sun Belt as of Sunday.

Judy Blok had a 2.30 ERA and ranked 11th.

Amber Mosher ranked just behind Blok at 12th. She had a 2.53 ERA. Lastly Ryon Adams posted a 2.90 ERA and ranked 15th.

As a staff, NMSU has a 2.18 ERA in 364 innings of work.

Opponents are batting .274 against them.

The staff has given up a relatively high number (27) of long balls.

New Mexico State's strong suit seems to be offense. Heather Nobbe leads their offensive attack.

She ranked third in total bases, fourth in homers, third in RBI, third in hits, and seventh in average for the Sun Belt Conference Sunday. She also has a .459 slugging percentage.

Adrian Nobles is another offensive threat for NMSU. She has a .381 on base percentage.

She led the Sun Belt in homers as of Sunday with 10. Lizette Olivares provides the speed for New Mexico State.

She was ninth in the Sun Belt in batting average (.310) and third in stolen bases at 14.

As a team, NMSU is batting .229 with a .287 on base percentage and a .304 slugging percentage.

They have stolen 54 bases and gone yard 22 times. Four players have amassed 26 or more RBI.

The key for Middle Tennessee's offense is to score four runs.

The Lady Raiders are 13-0

when scoring four or more runs.

Martinez leads the team with a .562 slugging percentage to go along with her .418 on base percentage.

She ranked fourth in the Sun Belt in batting and second in doubles.

Tuesday she broke the school record for most doubles in a season with her 12th double of the year.

Lindsay Azevedo ranked 14th in batting in the Sun Belt and second in triples.

She posts a .492 slugging percentage and .381 on base percentage. Martinez and Azevedo are the only two with 26 or more RBI on the team.

Kip Phillips provides the speed for the Lady Raiders.

She was tied for second in stolen bases in the Sun Belt with 15 and ranked 13th in batting.

Middle matches up well offensively as a team against New Mexico State.

The only category where NMSU holds a major advantage is homers.

Perhaps the most interesting thing about NMSU is their ability to win in the Sun Belt. Overall New Mexico State has an 18-36 record, but a 5-3 record in the Sun Belt. ♦



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The softball team seeks to continuing its winning streak against New Mexico State.

New club will focus on joys of athletics, triathlons

Staff Reports

Will Shipley is leading a group seeking to become a club at Middle Tennessee for students who want to be involved in aerobic sports with a tri-ath-



Shipley

letic feel.

The potential club, Tri-Moving MTSU, will seek to involve students serious in athletics to participate in fun runs, races, walks, cycling and swimming activities with other mid-state groups including the Nashville Striders and the Greater Nashville Athletic Club.

Shipley also wants to educate

club participants about how a more healthy lifestyle can be fun as well as a life improving pursuit.

Shipley holds the record for the most Double Iron Triathlons for anyone from Tennessee. A double triathlon is a five mile run, 224 mile cycle ride and a 52 mile foot race. He is a graduate student in the edu-

cation and HPERS department and has run in races since the 1960s and was part of the Power Man Diathlon this month in Tennessee that will be featured in an upcoming ESPN piece.

He also hopes to have a large cross section of both serious athletes and beginners by educating them of Team Clydesdale and Athena Classes, which reg-

ularly have 200 members each for men and women.

This movement plans to have more people "crosstrain" and include indoor weight lifting with aerobics.

The club will have its kickoff meeting next Tuesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center conference room. ♦

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Students will get a chance to win the laptop at each home game between now and May 9. Students will get a blue ticket at each game that is good for nightly giveaways and will then be put into the pool for

the computer drawing. The more games students attend, the more chances they will have when the winner is drawn on May 9.

"We've been very grateful for the student support that the baseball team has gotten so far this season, so this is a way to say thank you to the students. It is also an opportunity to help attract some students that haven't been to a game yet. Once a student comes to an athletic event and sees how much fun it is, we know they'll

be True Blue for life," said Athletic Marketing Director Chip Walters.

Students must be present and have their claim stub on May 9 to win the computer, so hang on to your tickets and support the Blue Raider baseball team in their hunt for the Sun Belt Conference championship.

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Commentary

Head football coach Andy McCollum and athletic director Boots Donnelly have a great opportunity to stand apart from the sleazy institutions of Tennessee.

For years, a major state school has had the unfortunate duty of making numerous court dates comply with practice schedules and travel schedules. Following many of those instances, I have written columns blasting the administration of that university, and the athletic department.

I wrote, and still believe that if ethics were oxygen many of those people would die from asphyxiation. Certainly, this particular athletic department has had great success on the field or court, but off the court, they have kept the attorney lobby in business.

Always, I have thought this is where MTSU could stand apart from this other university.

However, we will soon find out if, indeed, we are more noble. As most readers of Sidelines know, two football players were arrested at the nightclub "Oxygen" after a fight occurred two days following the spring football game.

According to the article, in the premier news source for this university, Sidelines, All-American receiver Kendall Newson and quarterback Jason Johnson were charged with disorderly conduct in connection with the incident.

Luckily, in America, people are innocent until they are proven guilty, so we will reserve all judgement on this until after the court has ruled.

However, it is not my purpose to pretend as if I know exactly what happened that night. It is my goal to not only encourage, but demand that our football coaching staff and athletic director set an appropriate punishment for those players involved in any illegal activity, which includes "disorderly conduct."

During the three years, which I have written for this newspaper, I have never written a negative word about Boots Donnelly or Andy McCollum.

The fact is I have never thought they did anything, even questionable. Their character and integrity has been beyond reproach, for the past three years.

However, if in fact, these players committed the crime, for which they were arrested, and had no reasonable cause, they should be disciplined, preferably suspended for the Vanderbilt game. This would hurt the team, of that I am aware, but no one wants MTSU to beat Vanderbilt more than I. Yet, this would cover the embarrassment, from which the university has suffered.

The idea of not disciplining



File Photo

Coach Andy McCollum must decide the fate of his two players after they were charged for a brawl at a local club.

an athlete because of his status on the field would be devastating to the team's unity, and that is what all championship teams enjoy.

In his book, Sacred Hoops, Phil Jackson talks about coaching the greatest basketball players ever, Scot Williams and Michael Jordan. He focuses on Jordan, and his god-like status, but he also points out that he knew Jordan must be treated the same as the last player off the bench, which in many games was Vanderbilt's greatest

player Will Perdue.

Not only that, but Jordan admitted he did not want to be treated as though the Bulls could not win the Chicagoland Senior Olympics without him, he wanted to be part of a 12-man team. We all know the results: six championships for Jerry Reinsdorf and Webster's Dictionary officially took the 'i' out of the word 'team.'

If Newson really wants to be a leader, he would stand up and take his punishment like a man, if indeed he committed the

crime with which he is charged.

I talk about Newson and not Johnson, because Newson is the more senior Blue Raider player, and you might say he is the "Yoda" of the team, at least now that Barry Hall is gone.

Newson and Johnson have presented McCollum and Donnelly with a great chance to prove that MTSU is more scrupulous and therefore better than every other state school in Tennessee, including but not limited to Motlow State Community College.

I have a tremendous amount of respect for the coach and the AD, but it can easily be gone, with a bad decision here. This could be the start of a great athletic department or the beginning of an embarrassing trend, which will continue for many years. Donnelly said he would not tolerate any embarrassment of the university. Well, we will see. ♦

Women's golf team prepares for first season

Middle Tennessee head women's golf coach Kim St. John announced Monday that Amanda Harter and Nicole Biles have signed national letters of intent with the Lady Raiders. Harter, the 2000 TSSAA State Champ, played at Soddy-Daisy High School, while Biles is a junior college

transfer from Tyler (TX) JC.

"Both players mix really well with the four we signed in the early period," St. John added. "Nicole will bring us experience and maturity, while Amanda rates as a strong player who is very focused on the golf course."

Harter, from Hixson, TN,

has enjoyed a storied career that includes all-American honors in 2000 and being named the Chattanooga Free Press Player of the Year this past November. Harter also placed second at the Tennessee Junior Amateur and won the district title three straight years. A standout in the classroom as well, Harter was

rated the No. 3 player in Tennessee and the 128th best in the nation.

Biles is from League City, TX where she attended Clear Creek High School before enrolling at Tyler JC. At Tyler, Biles finished among the top twenty in the National Junior College Tournament.

Biles, the granddaughter of former Houston Oiler head coach Ed Biles, placed second in the high school region tournament for Clear Creek while also earning All-Houston Texas Region honors.

Harter and Biles join early signees Kandace Burnett (Monahan, TX), Kristin Lynch

(Tullahoma, TN), Becky Newell (Louisville, KY) and Kemmerlee Pennington (Crossville, TN) to form St. John's first Lady Raider team. The women's program, which will compete in the Sun Belt Conference, will begin competition next fall. ♦

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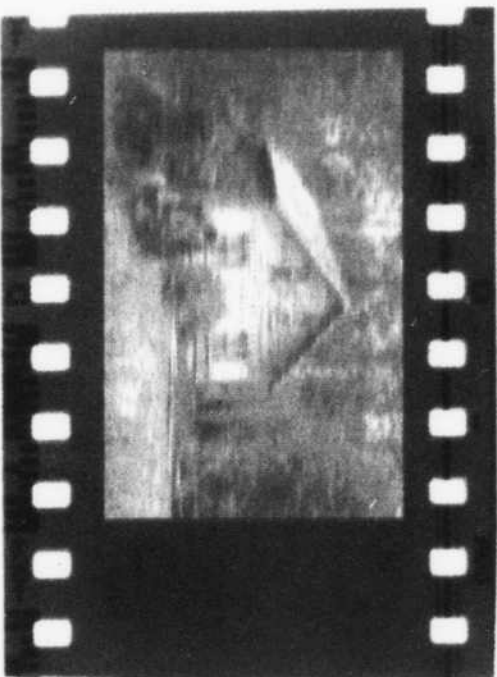
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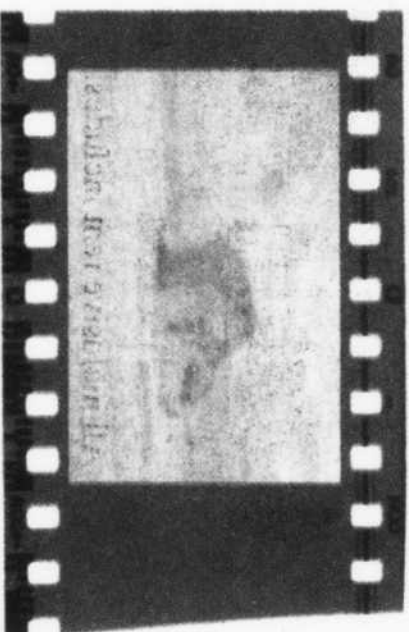
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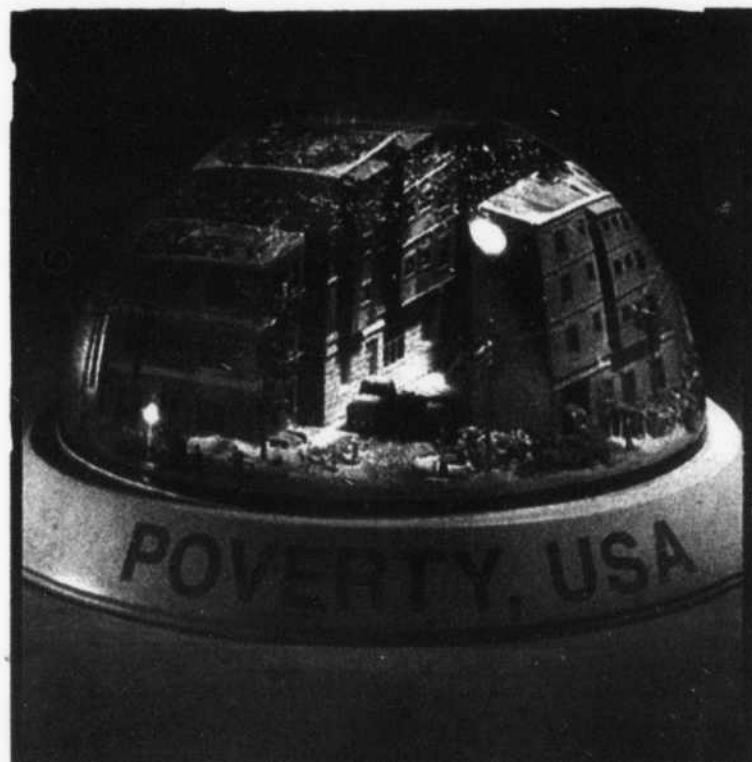
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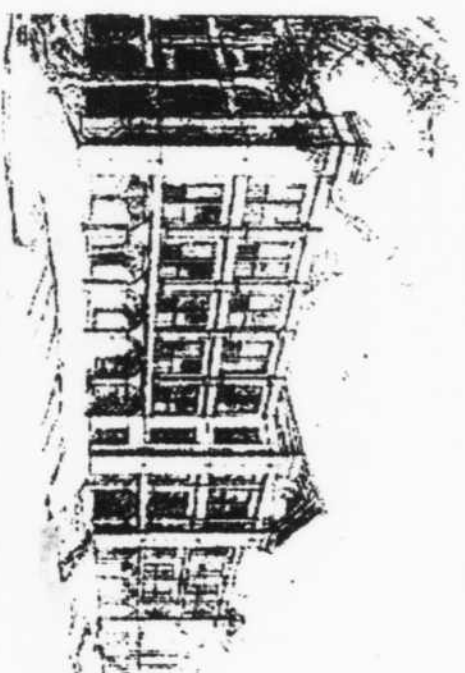
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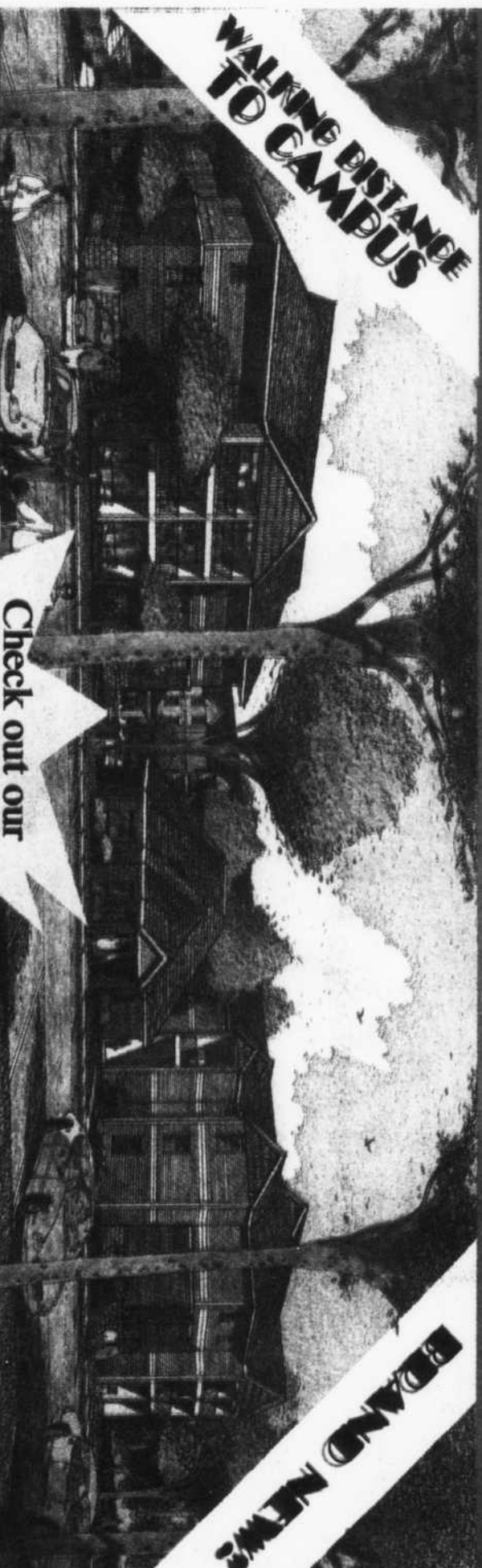


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