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Lack of student parking spaces is growing pain

Dustin Schrimpscher
Staff Reporter

As MTSU suffers the growing pains of rapidly increasing enrollment, the department of Parking Services is striving to treat the symptoms of overcrowded parking quickly and effectively.

In July, Parking Services 8,131 parking spaces including metered, disabled and peripheral office parking. The Office of enrollment Management projected a fall enrollment of 18,773.

According to a memo issued by Connie Hagberg, Manager for Parking Services, the department has enlisted help from parking consultation firm, Desman and Associates, to deal with the university's current and future parking needs.

As of Monday, Aug. 24, Parking Services had sold a total of 12,722 parking permits. By evaluating data generated by Desman and Associates, Parking Services hopes to know how many parking permits can

be sold.

Deborah D. Roberts, director of the Administrative Services office of Vice President for Finance and Administration, said that the highest concentration of parking has been between 9-10 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

"We have looked into a parking garage but we would have to triple fees to afford one," Roberts says.

Desman and Associates estimate the cost of constructing a parking garage at \$10,000 per space and \$2,000 per space for paved surface lots.

"We would rather gradually increase fees and build more surface lots than dramatically increase fees to get a parking garage," Roberts said.

Parking Services plans to pave at least one gravel parking lot and has begun planning for two new paved lots to be completed some time in 1999.

According to J. Wallace, administrative coordinator of construction, parking area construction surrounding the

new library will provide 303 general parking spaces and 21 disabled spaces as early as mid-September.

Wallace says construction will begin soon on a new entrance to the Ezell and Abernathy lot opposite the entrance to Married Student Housing, transforming the existing three-way intersection into a four-way intersection.

"People leaving that lot around 9:00 in the morning turn right or they don't turn at all," Wallace said. "Moving the entrance to a four-way stop should correct that situation."

Once crews complete the new entrance, the pre-existing entrance will close. Redirecting traffic flow in the Ezell and Abernathy parking area will facilitate easy access to new parking created north of the new library while freeing motorists from making a treacherous left turn out of the original entrance during high traffic hours.

An auxiliary department, Parking Services receives no funding from either MTSU or the

state, operating solely from funds collected from parking fees.

Fees include parking permits, which cost \$30 for black permits, \$45 for green permits and \$65 for white permits, and citations, which vary in price from \$10 for overtime parking to \$200 for displaying a forged/altered or unauthorized permit.

Parking Services pays for new parking lots, shuttle services and maintenance, as well as 22 employee salaries, out of its budget. As MTSU grows Parking Services must raise funds to accommodate parking needs.

Despite having laboriously searched the livestock parking area and hiked in the afternoon heat, Tom Tozer of the office of News and Public Affairs, said that Parking Services makes the most of its limited budget.

"Personnel costs are 20 percent of operational cost," Tozer said. "Typically, for an operation of this size, personnel costs range from 40 to 80 percent. I think the money is being spent frugally and wisely."

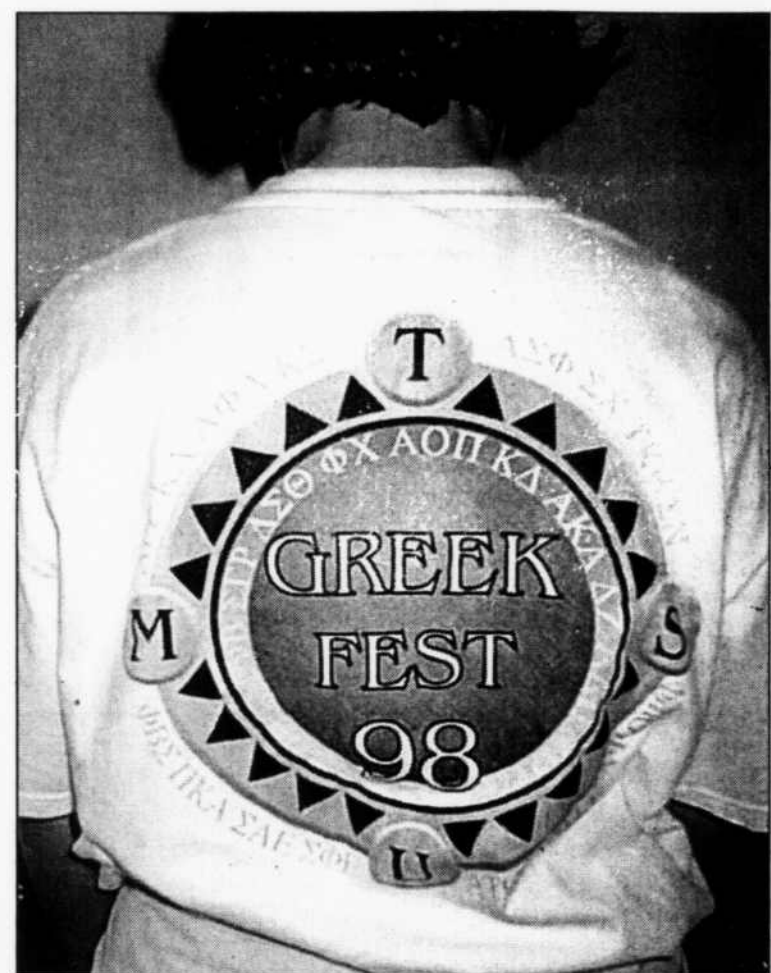


Photo by Vickie Gibson

Greek Fest '98 began last week with Sorority Rush. Members of Rho Chi, a group of sorority sisters who temporarily disassociate with their sorority during rush to help rushees, are wearing special Greek Fest T-shirts. See page 6 for more details.

New president brings ideas, energy to SGA

Jamie Evans
Staff Reporter

Jason Lawson, the new Student Government Association president, is charging into office with a one-on-one approach to helping students.

"I believe my job is to be the mouthpiece for the student body, but not to make decisions for them," Lawson said. "I'm not up here playing God or anything."

Following a very energetic campaign, where Lawson went out to meet students face to face, he won the SGA presidency by receiving a majority of student votes.

Will he be able to keep this energy up and follow through with his promises?

Like other SGA presidents of the past, Lawson is attempting to do just that. And the first order of business — parking.

At a town hall meeting for all students today at 4:30 p.m. in Business/Aerospace S204, Lawson will present 11 possible solutions to correcting the parking situation. These solutions were the result of a statistical study that Lawson did over the summer break.

Lawson agrees with all of the options such as tuition increases and no freshman parking, but he said he is going let the students decide for themselves.

"Some of these solutions could drastically change the campus," Lawson said. "Students need to be there."

Lawson said he is only expecting between 200 and 300 students to show up, but he said he feels this will be a representative sample of the students who are the most "furious" about parking. These students will vote on the possible solutions and, if they vote one down, it will be off the list. The result will be sent to the appropriate administration on Tuesday.

Tuesday.

Former SGA president Ryan Durham and his administration had a similar meeting last fall when students gathered to voice their complaints about parking to the MTSU administration.

However, Lawson said that there will not be any faculty or administration at his meeting.

"It was a conscious not to invite the faculty," Lawson said.

Lawson explained that in the last parking meeting, all the students did was complain to the faculty and that nothing good came out of it. He said he wants this meeting to be more of a problem and solution session.

Lawson is also trying to improve other areas of student life, such as food services and housing.

According to Lawson, the Woodmore Cafeteria will be renovated during winter break, according to Lawson. When it is re-opened at the beginning of the spring semester, the new service hours will be from noon until midnight and will be equipped with a Burger King, a Starbucks Coffee and a convenience store.

This will turn the cafeteria into a place oriented for students living in the surrounding dorms and make it more accessible for them to eat while studying, Lawson said.

Lawson also is supportive of building more apartment-style dorms, such as that planned for the near future.

"Our housing on campus has been needed this for years," Lawson said.

Each unit in these new dorms will house four students. Each resident will have a private bedroom and share a living room and kitchen area with the other three occupants. There will also be a parking space designated for each occupant. Construction on this project has already begun.

IN THE NEWS

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP)—In the often combative realm of World War II research, it's the closest thing to a hostage standoff.

Cornelis Suijk of the New York-based Anne Frank Center USA startled scholars by saying he will turn over five missing pages of "The Diary of Anne Frank" — but only if the Dutch institute fighting to publish them donates the proceeds to his Holocaust awareness crusade.

The Netherlands State Institute for War Documentation, which revealed the existence of the missing pages recently, expressed astonishment Tuesday at Suijk's demands.

TOULOUSE, France (AP)—In a move certain to rattle the Boeing Co., British Airways said Tuesday it will order its first batch of jets from Europe's Airbus Industrie.

Airbus called a news conference with British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Airbus President Noel Forgeard for later at its headquarters in Toulouse, France, to unveil details of the plan.

British Airways, in a statement last week, said it will buy 59 short-haul jets in the A320 family, with options to buy another 129. Chief executive Bob Ayling acknowledged the deal would disappoint Boeing.

WASHINGTON (AP)—People like President Clinton's performance on the job and they don't want him impeached because of the Monica Lewinsky affair, polls suggest. But many say they think Congress should formally scold him.

In an ABC News poll released last Monday, 55 percent of those polled thought Clinton should be censured or reprimanded, while 40 percent opposed that step. A CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll said 41 percent favored a congressional resolution disapproving of the president's behavior, while 24 percent favored impeachment and 32 percent favored taking no formal action.

In a Newsweek poll taken recently, people were divided about whether Congress should censure or reprimand the president, with 45 percent supporting such a step.

DEL RIO, Texas (AP)—All 30 people listed as missing in this border town after deadly flooding caused by Tropical Storm Charley have been found safe, authorities said Tuesday.

But the flooding, blamed for 14 deaths in Texas and Mexico, damaged hundreds of homes and may have simply washed away others.

Mayor Robert Chavira said that authorities had accounted for everyone believed to have been missing following the flash flood that struck early Monday. But state troopers and Border Patrol agents continued searching the worst-hit neighborhoods by foot and helicopter as a precaution.



Photo by Susan McMahan

Melisa Smith, assistant director of Disabled Student Services talks with Stacey Robinson and her guide dog Indigo Tuesday in the Keathley University Center theater after disabled student orientation.

Opportunities highlighted for new disabled students

Susan McMahan
Staff Reporter

Disabled Student Services kicked off the school year with a special orientation detailing services and activities for their 107 newly-enrolled students.

A crowd of about 40 gathered in the Keathley University Center Theater Tuesday to hear information from Disabled Student Services, campus recreation and the library.

John Harris, director of Disabled Student Services, told students about new

options the office will provide in addition to the traditional exam scheduling, academic aides and priority registration.

One of these new features will start Monday, when the tutoring lab opens in Peck Hall room 103B. The lab will be open Monday through Thursdays from 3 - 7 p.m.

Harris said instructors for the lab will be posted with other news for disabled students will be posted outside the office in KUC 120. The information also will be posted in braille.

Robert LaLance, vice president for See OPPORTUNITIES, page 3

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3 Year	4/2,120	4/459	5/2,120	5/2,120	4/719	4/2,120
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10 Year	4/674	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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ON CAMPUS

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

- Monday, Aug. 31**
A session of the campus organization meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in room 322 of the KUC.
- Thursday, Sept. 3**
The Society of Professional Journalists will have their first Fall meeting and non-member info session from 4 until 4:45 p.m. in John Bragg Mass Communication Building Room 103. All journalism majors, including magazine, graphic communication, news-editorial, public relations and photojournalism, are invited to attend. For more information about SPJ, call chapter president Lisa Rollins at 904-8355.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9**
The Criminal Justice Association will hold a free picnic behind Vaughn House at 5 p.m. All criminal justice majors and minors are welcome. For more information, call Emily Hudgens at 867-4157.
- Thursday, Sept. 10**
The Division of Continuing Studies will hold an open house from 6 until 8 p.m. in the computer lab. The event is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. To register, call the Division of Continuing Studies at 2462.
- Saturday, Sept. 12**
The Law School Admissions Test prep course will be held on campus. The sessions will cover test-taking strategies, topics and review questions. For more information or to register, call the Division of Continuing Studies at 2462. Call 2670 with questions about exams and exam dates.
- Sunday, Sept. 13**
The Law School Admissions Test prep course will be held on campus. The sessions will cover test-taking strategies, topics and review questions. For more information or to register, call the Division of Continuing Studies at 2462. Call 2670 with questions about exams and exam dates.
- Tuesday, Sept. 15**
Student Placement will hold Career Day from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Murphy Center track. For more information, please call Martha Turner at 2500.
- Continuing**
The deadline to register for the Professional Secretaries International Certified Professional Secretaries Exam is Sept. 1. For more information, call Lisa Grubbs at work at 904-3467 or at home at 273-2871.
- Open library instruction classes at Todd Library continue until Sept. 1 in room 101 of library. For more information, call Sharon Parente, user services librarian, at 2817.
- The deadline for student organizations to submit organizational report forms and activity fee applications is on or before Sept. 4. Organizations not requesting funds must have their organizational report forms completed on or before Sept. 21. The forms are due in KUC 122, and are currently available in KUC 122 and KUC 306. The forms also will be available at the organization sessions scheduled for this week and next week.

Lectures focus on cons

Barry Gilley
Staff Reporter

Want to know more about the crash of TWA Flight 800 or the Tuskegee Syphilis Project? The fall 1998 Honors Lecture Series (HLS) will go in-depth about these and other issues as presenters explore "Shams, Cons and Cover-ups."

"Every spring and fall semester, we pick a different subject and have speakers from various fields give presentations showing how each of these fields relates to it," said John P. Montgomery, director of the honors program. "For instance, the semester the series was done on war, a faculty member from the Chemistry department gave a presentation on chemical warfare."

Although the lecture series is free and open to the public, it is also offered as a pass/fail interdisciplinary enrichment course in which students write response essays to each lecture.

"It's really a wonderful class, not only from the standpoint of possibly giving undeclared students an idea of what they want to study, but also in terms of promoting faculty development," Montgomery said.

Subjects covered in the past include war, gender, culture and violence. Next semester's series will be titled "Myths, Mysteries and Miracles." This semester's HLS is the 17th, making it the longest-running lecture series on campus.

The first presentation of the Fall 1998 HLS is titled "We Know What You Want: The Marketing of Desire" and will be presented by Jack Purcell, associate professor of philosophy.

"The overall theme of the presentation will be on what constitutes the social bond and makes a society or group different from other groups," said Purcell. "To do this, I'll cover two traditional models that make sense of the social bonding process."

One of the factors in the social bonding process Purcell will discuss is the forming of self-image.

"Traditionally, self-image is formed within the context of belonging to a group. Today, however, the way people think of themselves is often viewed within a very different context, that of things."


As an example, Purcell discussed how the use of the phrase "cool" has changed.

"Historically, to be 'cool' was defined within the context of the Beat generation who started using the term. Now it would seem that marketing attempts to determine what is cool by telling us what shoes we should wear, what cars we should drive and so-forth."

"I would suggest that what is being sold is not just a product, but an understanding of oneself. In television commercials for Gateway, for example, little is said about their computers in terms of exactly what they can do. Instead, what is being sold is a sense of belonging or oneness with computer users by being current or up-to-date."

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Student Affairs, told the new students attending the orientation session they enrolled at MTSU at a good time.

"You've got a real treat ahead of you," LaLance said. "We have a rich history of responding to the needs of all students, and certainly disabled students."

Current campus construction sites like the new apartment-style dorms and Greek Row will be accessible to disabled students. Harris said 32 disabled-accessible spaces will be available in the new dorm.

"All construction that you see on campus now is related directly to making the campus accessible," Harris said.

The new library, opening January 1999, also will be accessible to disabled students. Rick Kurtz, who represented the library, said features such as a totally-accessible front door, four elevators located off the main atrium and "open air" restrooms will ensure the entire library is user-friendly for disabled students.

A feature Harris said he is really excited about is a room in the library containing special equipment that primarily will be for disabled students.

Kurtz asked the students to let

library employees know when they need special assistance, but to please be patient for the next few months while the library makes the move to the new building.

"We're going to do our best to meet your needs these four months," Kurtz said.

A new study area complete with vending machines will be included as part of the new library so that students don't have to leave to take a study break.

Speakers at the orientation encouraged students to spend time studying, but they also encouraged them to spend time participating in recreation activities.

Campus recreation has planned several events for disabled students, starting with a trip to Nashville this Saturday to see a Sounds baseball game.

Other activities planned include a picnic at the Rec Center Sept. 9, a camping trip, Sept. 25-26 and swimming lessons.

Ray Wiley, director of aquatics at the Rec Center, said three swimming classes for disabled students will be held this semester, starting in September. ■

**For more information
about Rec Center
opportunities for
disabled students, call
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Purcell believes the effects of these messages may be more far-reaching than at any other time.

"I think that these kinds of messages are much more influential than in the past, not only because of the development of marketing strategies, but also in the execution of them through

technology."

Purcell will elaborate more on the traditional models of social bonding and give more examples as to how these theories can be seen in everyday today.

Lectures are held every Monday from 3:30-4:20 p.m. in Peck Hall 109A with the exception of Aug. 7. ■

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

Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

Pretend it's Monday afternoon. You just finished lunch and you're running late for your 1:00 class on the third floor of Peck Hall. Leaving the Grill you notice a swarm of students rushing left and right to various buildings—a complete maze to wade through in a simple effort to walk a few hundred yards.

You enter the race with a mission. You're determined not to be late. You knock a few shoulders along the way, almost get run down by a football player, barely save your toes from the fate of a bicycle tire weaseling its way towards Mass Comm and just make it across the street before the Raider Xpress has a chance to move ahead.

Whew! You made it. The next challenge is remembering exactly which door to enter that will lead you directly to your class. There is another flock of students blocking the entrance you need to get to so you make a beeline for the next closest door and dart upstairs to your classroom.

Three minutes late. Good job. Roll hasn't been taken yet.

Now, do it all over again. But this time, you're blind and the only thing you have to direct you is a stick.

Good luck. And watch out for bikes. They're a little fast.

What you've got to keep in mind is that the layout of this campus changes so often that it's difficult (and probably aggravating) for those who cannot see what's actually changing. It's a struggle everyday—even for a seeing person—to get on campus and maneuver through the crowds. Do you realize that it's an even greater challenge for a blind person?

Remember that the student population is obscenely large. Watch where you are going and offer your help to someone who might need it.

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Responsibility not on school's shoulders alone

Keith Ryan Cartwright
Staff Reporter

College is a time in our lives where, if we learn just one thing, it should be to accept responsibility for our own actions.

As always, the first few days of the current semester had many students overcome with anxiety regarding financial aid.

Before you begin pointing fingers and laying blame for any problems, you need to evaluate your own actions. When did you first file your forms? Did you previously contact the Financial Aid Office prior to the confirmation dates? Or were you one of the many procrastinating students we have here at MTSU?

That is not to say that the Financial Aid

Office didn't make a few mistakes along the way. But chances are much of the hassle could have been avoided with a little pre-planning.

In Monday's issue of "Sidelines," graduate student Ron Spears was quoted in the article "Financial Frustrations" as saying, "I've had everything done since last week. Everything's been signed, but there's no check."

Amazing. It's understandable if freshmen don't quite know what the procedure is or grasp the importance of turning in paperwork early. But one can only think that by the time someone is an upper-classman, let alone a grad student, they wouldn't take such a carefree approach to something as important as financial aid.

Keep in mind that enrollment at MTSU is vastly closing in on the 20,000 mark. What would happen if 20,000 students tried to flood the Cope Administration Building in hopes of obtaining student loans and grants just one week before classes began? No doubt, it's a scary thought.

Then again, Spears is the same person who unwittingly said, "I just hope they put as much money into fixing [the Financial Aid Office] as they did building that empty stadium."

Without a doubt, that was a cheap shot from a frustrated procrastinator. First of all, the stadium is empty because the Blue Raiders have yet to play a home game this season (if Spears read the local papers with as much vigor as he devotes to lashing out at others, he would have realized that more

than 14,000 season tickets have already been sold and that all 31,000 seats are expected to be filled when the season opens Sept. 5 against Tennessee State).

Second of all, what is it going to take to get people to realize that the football team and the rest of the Blue Raider Athletic Department is responsible for raising its own money? The money it took for the renovation didn't come from the same budget that is used to improve the financial aid office or the money used in classrooms.

Our education is not going to suffer because MTSU has a bigger football stadium. Rather than lay blame for everything on others, it's time we all asked ourselves the most important question—what can I do to make things better for me? ■



Anti-flag burning bill would torch ruling

John Roszkowski
Ohio State University

Last call for freedom of speech! Enjoy it while you can, because it's going fast.

The Senate is giving careful consideration to an amendment that would make flag burning illegal. Granted, the Supreme Court ruled flag burning constitutional, since freedom of expression was implied in freedom of speech. Well kids, it's time to change this and usher in a golden age of censorship.

Taking the fight to the pinko liberals, is Orrin Hatch (truly a man of our times). Not only has he assembled a panel of experts, but he has mastered cheesy semantics games well beyond the call of duty.

Reactionary forces claim freedom of expression is not speech, so should not be protected by the first amendment. I'm assuming sign language and Morse code will be the logical next steps.

The panel of experts consisted of three, junior high fascists who won an essay contest, a 19-year-old political science

major, Tommy LaSorda, and a Vietnam vet. All agreed flag-burning is bad. (I'm not making this up).

Sen. Hatch also gave a rousing speech proving that not only a lack of family values, but rampant flag-burning are responsible for urban decay, economic stratification, and the decline of civilization in general.

A wacky liberal might say that oppressive regimes known for their civil rights atrocities punish flag-burning severely.

Liberals be damned! If modeling our government after evil dictatorships makes us more American, full steam ahead!

Other crackpots might make other claims. Once we start chipping away at freedom of speech, we'll never stop. Soon it will be illegal to criticize our "democracy" that places corporate interests ahead of the needs of the people.

Proposed changes to the Bill of Rights are scary, and fill a thinking person with a fear of things to come. Tell people like that, "If you don't like America, get the hell out!"

All kidding aside, we shouldn't allow amendments to what we consider to be the unalienable rights of human beings across the globe.

Prior to the Revolution, the Boston Tea Party was a symbolic gesture of colonial discontent. According to reactionary logic, maybe tea dumping should be illegal as well, since a lot of people like tea.

The American flag, like all flags, is a symbol. It means different things to different people. To some, it means much. To others, it means little.

However, free speech has a very concrete meaning. Being able to express yourself however and whenever you wish. This will probably give the spotlight to someone whose views you disagree with sometime down the road. Tough cookies, we live in America and that is what free speech is all about.

Once restrictions are imposed on free speech, it ceases to be free speech. There is no "partial" free speech. We either have it or we don't. Once we start regulating it, we won't stop until it is totally gone. There is

no getting off of the censorship train.

So stop kidding yourself, you might not care for freedom of speech, but there is nothing un-American about it. In fact, burning a flag could be one of the most patriotic things you could do.

Our country was founded by the proles expressing discontent with the government in the most dramatic way possible. Over the years we've become docile serfs in the corporate feudal system. Old ideals of freedom and equality will rise from the ash of flags that have ceased to mean anything. ■

Stand up for freedom of speech.
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Bookstores still raking us over the coals

Sarah Ziegler
Iowa State University

Campus book stores are like used car lots - only not as fair or honest.

We all know that textbooks are overpriced. We all know that publishing companies make fortunes exploiting financially strapped college students.

Students know it, parents know it, even professors know it. In fact, I once had a prof who apologized to a lecture hall full of students here at Iowa State University about the exuberant prices for the two books required for his class.

Campus bookstores typically set prices for new textbooks in accordance with the prices suggested by publishing companies. This is understood, and it's not the reason so many students feel the uncontrollable urge to riot this time of year.

But even though the publishing companies can raise prices left and right, campus bookstores don't

have to follow suit. They do, after all, sell used books - which could be a great way to dodge the publishing companies' treachery.

But don't be fooled. The prices on used books are just as ridiculous as the prices for new ones. A textbook I needed this year, for example, cost \$40 when it was new. The used price? \$30. And this book wasn't an almost-new-used book. It was a tattered, torn, highlighted used book. Only \$10 depreciation for a torn cover and marked-up pages?

And many students may be under the impression that because there is more than one bookstore on their campus, competition is at work - an economic force that will guarantee better prices for everyone. Many times those students are wrong because, oddly enough, prices at all the bookstores are exactly the same.

I did some comparison shopping for my textbooks this year. One store was selling book I needed for

\$34.90. I visited another store, and found the book selling for the same, exact price. What a coincidence.

The book prices wouldn't be so bad if it wasn't for the buy-back system at the bookstores. Last year, I sold a sociology book back to one of the bookstores thinking that because it was a popular class, many students would need the book, and I could get some decent money for it. The grand total I received? \$4.

Of course, the class was switching editions in another year, so the book store didn't need the one I had anymore. Even this would be acceptable if it was the only situation in which students got ripped off selling books back. But it's not. Even books that will be used again the next year are worth almost nothing to students trying to sell them back. And yet the used books are sold for almost-new prices.

So what can be done about the bookstores? Students complain

every year, and every year it seems like maybe - just maybe - there might be an alternative to buying books on campus.

This should be one of the most important issues on student government dockets this year because it's a practical problem that actually affects all students.

Next year, let's discontinue the time-honored tradition of being screwed by bookstores. ■



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*Gary eventually got hitched without a hitch. Since he was fully recovered by then (just over a year later), the only hint of his injury is the engraving on the knife that cut the cake: both the original and the eventual wedding dates are set in type. By all accounts, it was an event to be remembered.

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What a Rush!



Greek groups gear up for new year

By Vickie Gibson/ Staff Reporter



It's rush week for students wanting to join a sorority or fraternity on campus. More than 600 have registered to take part in the rush activities, according to MTSU's United Greek Council, which oversees the Greek groups.

"We have about what we expected for Sorority Rush," said Charles Pierce of the Greek Council office. "We have about 275 to 300 women who have applied." He said those numbers are about the same as last year. Sorority Rush began Thursday and continues through Wednesday, Sept. 2. Registration ended last week for students interested in participating, but the final numbers are not yet available.

Pierce said more than 250 men registered by Friday for Fraternity Rush. There were 277 male students who went through rush last fall. Fraternity Rush begins today and continues through Saturday, Sept. 5.

Not everyone who registers goes through the rush process, Pierce said. There is some weeding out of applications of those who do not meet minimum qualifications. "We have some standards that we apply," he explained. A minimum grade point average is one such standard.

Not everyone who goes through rush becomes a member of a sorority or fraternity. During rush week, those interested in joining a sorority or fraternity get an opportunity to learn about the different groups and decide which one is suited for them. The Greek clubs also get the opportunity to meet and get to know prospective members and determine who is best suited as members.

There are 16 fraternities at MTSU and 10 sororities. Different sororities and fraternities have different requirements and expectations of members which are explained during rush week.

Sorority Rush activities are organized by members of Rho Chi, a group of 21 sorority sisters who temporarily suspend membership in their respective chapters to help rushees through the week's activities.

Thursday's Go Greek Night had all registrants meet at KUC Theatre with National Panhellenic Council representatives to learn more about sororities on campus. Friday was Display Night when all sororities display memorabilia and other items which introduce their group to prospective members. Sorority colors and symbols are among the things rushees learn about each sorority they are interested in joining.

Saturday was Philanthropy Night when each sorority explains about the charitable causes they support. Sunday was Theme Night when each club presents a skit to give rushees an opportunity to see sorority sisters working together to promote their groups. There are no activities scheduled Monday.

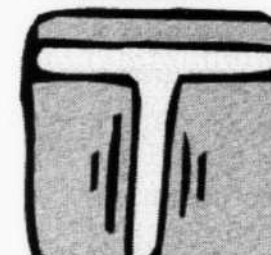
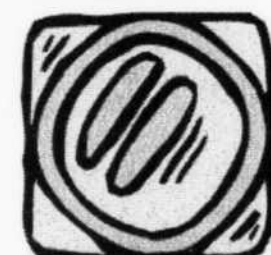
Tuesday is Preference Night when rushees get the opportunity to choose. They can attend the party of their preferred sorority.

Wednesday is the most anticipated day and the end of rush week for sororities. Bid Day is the day each sorority extends bids to the rushees they want as members. A bid is an invitation to pledge to the sorority, but pledges do not become members until they prove their loyalty and are approved by chapter members. Pledges who meet all the requirements for membership are initiated into full membership.

Fraternity Rush consists of a series of open parties for rushees each night, Aug. 31 through Sept. 4, hosted by the various fraternities.

Fraternities are involved in more than social events and rushees get an opportunity to learn about the groups' emphasis on academics as well as participation in athletics and cultural activities on campus.

Bid Day for fraternities is Saturday, Sept. 5. Rushees will gather at the KUC Theatre where the fraternities will extend bids to those they want as members. Once pledged to a particular fraternity, a similar process of proving loyalty begins. Full membership and initiation is extended for those who meet all the requirements. ■



List of college students' 'needs' is growing

Ann Jacobson
Knight-Ridder Newservice

All the comforts of home — and then some. That is what today's college freshmen are demanding for their college digs.

Take 17-year-old Katie Lusk, an entering freshman at Purdue, for instance. Like a growing number of teens, she has a taste for java.

"We didn't get her a coffee maker. We HAD to get her a cappuccino maker for 130 bucks," said Katie's mom, Sue Leatherman of Elkhart.

By comparison, when Leatherman was entering her freshman year at Drake College in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1970, the packing list was different: "I took nothing: a stereo, my alarm clock — actually, it was an 8-track tape player — some sheets, a comforter, a wastepaper basket and my clothes."

Leatherman could get everything in the back seat of her car, but now you need a U-Haul, she added. While Katie's belongings didn't travel to West Lafayette in a U-Haul, it did take three

cars to haul all her stuff, related her older sister, Anna Lusk, a Purdue senior.

A recent national survey issued by Best Buy Co. Inc., shows that such nest feathering at colleges and universities today is likely to be the norm rather than the exception.

In fact, when asked to name the one thing they could not live without in their college rooms, 39 percent of school year freshmen responding to the survey named a computer or a word processor. Compare that to the freshmen of 30 years before, who were equally torn at deciding between an alarm clock and a typewriter.

Are today's college students more appreciative of music than the baby boomers in 1967? You might be inclined to think so when you consider that the survey also showed that almost one third of freshmen lugged at least 50 music CDs to college last year, compared to the 68 percent of freshman in 1967 who took no more than 10 music albums to college.

"The first year of college is usually the most expensive. I'd say the first year, it's going to put

you out a couple of thousand dollars, after that, it starts decreasing," Anna surmised. Who is paying for all this stuff? "Mom is," added Anna, whose VCR is among her most prized possessions at college.

"I've got to record my soaps when I'm in class," she laughed.

Eighteen-year-old Ryan Graham, a freshman entering the University of Cincinnati, hopes to feather his college nest with a few hand-me-downs from his dad, Doug Graham, before he sets off for college next month.

"If it's stuff I need for school, my parents will probably pay. If it's stuff that I want, I'll have to pay," Ryan guessed.

"My dad had his office remodeled, so I got his old office refrigerator," said Graham. He is also hoping to get his hands on his dad's computer.

"He's wanted a new one and I think this might just give him an excuse to get it."

"I plan on taking a TV/VCR combo, an American flag to hang on my ceiling or wall, a

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Auditions Tuesday for Predators' Puck Patrol

Staff Reports

High-energy and athletically fit individuals with the ability to interact with people on an impromptu basis are sought to perform as part of the Nashville Predators' Puck Patrol.

The Nashville hockey league wants anyone who can make balloon animals, juggle, or has a knack for getting fans to do the wave or the chicken dance to join the entertainment team.

A zany personality and previous cheerleading or crowd entertainment experience is a plus. Enthusiasm, acrobatic and hosting skills are also helpful.

Auditions will take place Tuesday, Sept. 1, at the Nashville Arena at 5:30 p.m. Eight members will be selected to be part of the Puck Patrol team that will get paid to have fun at about 20 to 25 games during the 1998-99 hockey season. You must be 18 to audition and must register by calling 615-770-2361. ■

Child star Jerry O'Connell grows up form "Sliders"

Jessica Wallensfels
TVQuest

He's a producer of Sci-Fi Channel's "Sliders," and the star, and, oh yeah, he's directing some episodes too. Plenty to brag about, but you won't hear Jerry O'Connell tooting his own horn. How'd he land the lead in "Sliders?"

"I think it was a fear of getting a real job in an office," O'Connell sputters.

O'Connell, you may remember, was one of four kids in Rob Reiner's 198 coming of age hit, "Stand By Me." As the overweight Vern Tessio who loved Cherry Pez, he was the butt of many jokes made by on-screen pals (played by River Phoenix, Corey Feldman, and Wil Wheaton). Twelve years later, O'Connell has the last laugh: a well-liked talent who has yet to "go Hollywood," O'Connell has become a key player in the re-vamped "Sliders" which on Saturday begins a new season on the Sci-Fi Channel, after three years on Fox.

Born and raised in New York City, O'Connell was 12 when he and hundreds of others auditioned for "Stand By Me." Characteristically, he credits his casting to anything but talent. "I mean, let's face it. I got a really

lucky break with 'Stand By Me.' I really have that to thank for anything else I've gotten or anything else I'll do in this business. It was a total right time, right place, stars aligned, stroke of luck." He pauses in silence before putting in, "I'll be forever grateful to that movie."

Instead of packing off to Los Angeles to make his fortune, O'Connell went back to school. From 1998 to 1991 he made a Canadian TV series and did a few TV projects. But Jerry's parents insisted he stick to his pre-hit movie path. "I had to go to school. My parents would have disowned me."

O'Connell says his dad, an advertising executive, and his mom, a special education art teacher, were instrumental in keeping him from becoming the kind of child star who grows up to rob liquor stores. "They had never really allowed me to take anything too seriously."

After graduating high school, O'Connell packed his bags for New York University to study directing. One day his professor showed the class "Stand By Me." O'Connell's reaction: "I thought, 'I gotta get back into the (acting) business.'"

O'Connell hopped a plane for

L.A. during "pilot season," snagged the "Sliders" role and went back to New York to graduate.

What grabbed O'Connell about "Sliders" was "the fact that it changes worlds every week...that it's a different TV show every week. We're not stuck in an emergency ward of a hospital every week, or a police precinct, or law office. It's a different little movie every week."

However, in three seasons on Fox, mixed reviews, uneven ratings and the accidental death of guest star Ken Steadman plagued the show.

With the switch to the Sci-Fi Channel, O'Connell became a "Sliders" co-producer who will direct many of the shows. O'Connell, of course, modestly chalks up the promotion to nothing more than loyalty. "I've been with the show since day one. I just think that since I have been here since the beginning and we were starting this whole new season on a whole new network, they wanted to bring some of the original elements back into it—" he begins verbally dog paddling, for a few moments, before finishing "—and they came to me."

Unfazed by the show's rocky history, O'Connell sings "Sliders" praise with ease. "I've been so

grateful, it's been such a great thing, and I've learned so much. I mean, hour long TV is really the boot camp of single camera format. It's getting the opportunity not only to produce but to direct and be on set. It's a fabulous experience," he gushes.

As for the pressure that comes with wearing so many hats, O'Connell admits "I'm not getting as much sleep as I would like, but you know." He pauses, and his tone changes to delighted irony. "No rest for the wicked."

Jerry's twin brother Charlie joins the cast this year, dovetailing nicely with "Sliders" theme summarized by O'Connell as "We all gotta get home."

Quick to address the inevitable nepotism jokes, O'Connell cracks "My brother auditioned with thousands of others and wore a disguise. We had no idea who he was," and calling the "N" word "alright, as long as you keep it in the family."

As "Sliders" skids closer to the millennium, O'Connell paints an optimistic look for the future of the show. "I see it getting smarter and smarter. Now that we're on the Sci-Fi Channel, your science fiction not only has to be good, it has to be better than all of the science fiction out there. Because you are the flagship network." ■

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stereo, and I'll probably bring a bean bag chair," Graham concluded.

"I'll probably have a lot of pictures of motorcycles and motorcycle-related items for decoration."

Meanwhile, the Mishawaka Grape Road Meijer Store was teeming last weekend with fresh-faced college students and their parents.

With so many purchases to be made to achieve that homey ambiance in the dorm room, it must not be considered so square today to be seen out in public with your parents.

Tim Corbett, store director, said most college students come in to the store this time of year with their parents in tow.

"Their gold cards are bigger, I guess," he speculated as to the reason why.

To capitalize on this area's current influx of college students, the Meijer store has a display set up to emulate the well-dressed dorm room.

The display that features items like a futon; a desk; a lava lamp; a

University of Notre Dame thermal blanket; chairs that unfold into beds; a mini stereo system, and a flashing light ("kind of like a police car light," said Corbett), has attracted a good deal of attention from students.

"It's gets real easy to get into the several hundred dollar range," when students are shopping for college, said Corbett. "You buy a futon and that's \$130. Fold-and-snap desks go for \$170. We sell a lot of lighting to college students."

Popcorn poppers, another freshman must-have a mere 20 years ago, are "out," replaced by microwaves which are "in." Refrigerators, and the old stand-by when this reporter entered college in 1977 — the cooking hot pot — are items you might typically find on a college-bound student's list, Corbett said.

Meanwhile, Sue Lusk, who sent her last child of two off to college this year, offered some advice to other parents sending their children to college for this first time: "Their first year, just buy them all the stuff and get it over with," she said.

"The next year then, it will be like only a couple of suitcases and some toiletries." ■

MTSU graduate's photos on display in Cannon Co.

Staff Reports

The photographs of MTSU graduate and Murfreesboro artist Tamarin Smith are featured at the Marly Berger Gallery at the Arts Center of Cannon County through today.

Smith looks at buildings from a slightly different angle and adds a new perspective to the architectural world. Her love of color images began with her exposure to many art fairs, galleries and museums she visited. Her parents, who work as potters, took Smith and her brother to many art fairs in their youth.

Born in Madison, Wis., she

moved to Tennessee with her family in 1978. She studied photography at MTSU and graduated with a degree in Mass Communications in 1994. She and her husband, Don, live in Murfreesboro where she works with her photography in architectural exteriors.

The Marly Berger Gallery is free and open to the public Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The arts center is located at 1424 John Bragg Hwy., west of Woodbury, just 20 minutes from Murfreesboro. For more information, call 1-800-235-9073. ■

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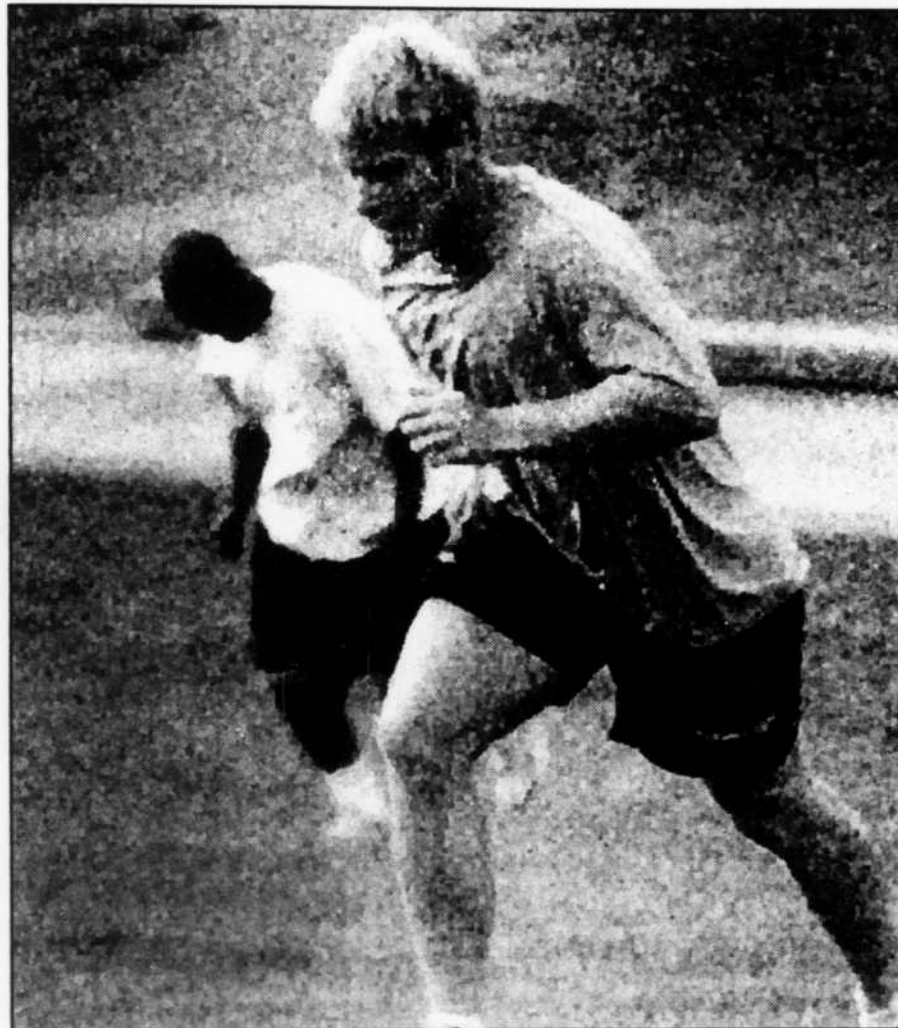
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Back to basics



photos by Katie Wise

The Blue Raiders are back in gear training for the new season. The first game is Sept. 5 against Tennessee State University in the new stadium. The Tailgate Kick-off party will be held on the east side of the President's house from 2-5 p.m.



Who will be quarterback?

R. Colin Fly
Staff Reporter

With just five days until the season opener in Floyd Stadium against Tennessee State University, the decision of who will be quarterback has not been made.

"Right now, it's up in the air who is going to be number one and who will be number two. The two players that have the upper hand are Judd Moore and Jimbo Rosar," said Coach Boots Donnelly.

The team is collectively healing, although a few key players are still injured. Kelverrick Green is still sidelined with a sprained ankle. He missed several practices and must increase his condition to be ready Sept. 5. Gary Davis and Tony Wesley are nursing groin injuries.

"Other than Charlie Walker, we should be okay when games come. Although a young man can be healthy for a game, if he has not practiced, he is not going to be much help," Donnelly said. "[Charlie Walker] has torn an ACL in his knee, but hopefully it will respond to therapy. If so, he will be able to play with a brace."

A staggering 14,000 season tickets for the Blue Raiders' home games have been sold. Fan support has to be strong since the team must meet certain criteria to move into Division I next season.

Former hoopsters want to play overseas

Colin Cotham
Staff Reporter



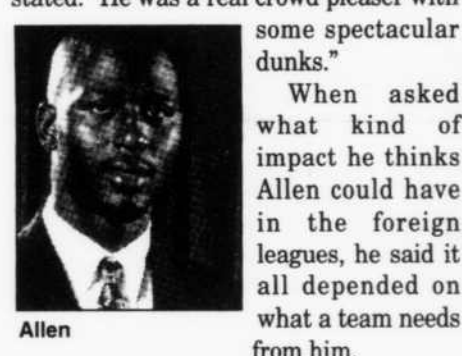
Three former Blue Raider basketball players hope to have bright futures in professional basketball.

Malachi Allen, Mantia Callender and Aylton Tesch are getting set to start careers in foreign professional basketball leagues.

Allen, a 6'6" forward from Gary, Indiana, had a chance to go overseas and play this upcoming season, but opted to stay at MTSU to take two classes needed

for his degree. He plans on resuming his basketball career next season.

Blue Raider head coach Randy Wiel said he thought Allen had his best season last year. "He was our best athlete," Wiel stated. "He was a real crowd pleaser with some spectacular dunks."

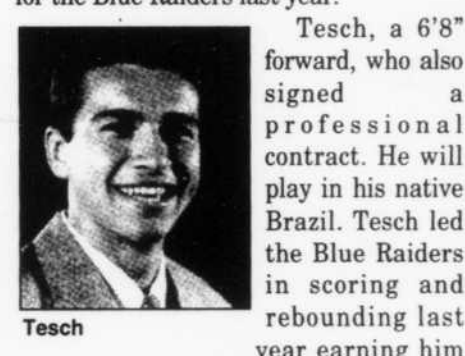


Allen

Callender, a 6'8" center from London has already signed a contract to play

professional basketball in Portugal.

"Callender could be very good because he plays on a team with two other Americans. He's very consistent," Coach Wiel said. Callender started every game for the Blue Raiders last year.

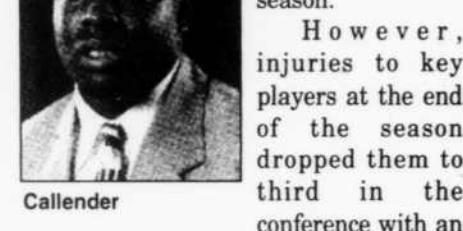


Tesch

First Team All Conference honors. He also earned a spot on the Dean's

List for his work inside the classroom. Coach Wiel said Tesch played for the Brazilian World Team this summer by did not know how his former player had done.

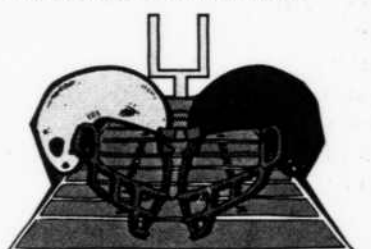
The Blue Raiders finished 19-12 overall last year and led the OVC for much of the season.



Callender

11-7 record. ■

However, injuries to key players at the end of the season dropped them to third in the conference with an



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Avoid 'freshman 15' by exercising and good diet



Kelley Dodd

We have to admit it—college life is a great experience. We gain independence and a social life while learning responsibility.

Unfortunately, that's not all that's gained. A majority of students gain weight during their first year of college, commonly referred to as the "Freshman 15," or 10 or 20 depending on the person.

Those extra pounds can be very sneaky to unknowing freshmen students. However, you can prevent this from happening through healthy eating habits and regular exercise.

Although this is the same song and dance we've all heard before, it's a realistic and manageable way to maintain a healthy weight.

The first step in preventing the "Freshman 15" is to become aware of what you are eating. Keep a food diary for a few days to see what you eat daily. If you are mostly eating breads and meats, like hamburgers and pizzas, then you are on your way to those extra pounds.

It's very tempting and convenient to eat those types of foods, but there are other ways to eat foods like these and still avoid the weight gain. Go ahead and treat yourself to an occasional indulgence but pair it off with something healthy.

Every cafeteria has fruit and salad selections so you can easily get your five servings of fruit and vegetables while eating your pizza.

The Subway, located in the James Union Building, offers low fat sandwiches which can be loaded up with extra veggies. The fruit, yogurt and Treat Yourself Right lines also contain healthier selections that can contribute to your fight against fat.

As hard as it may be, avoid eating late at night.

Those late night meals will come back to you without much warning. Set a time each day that you will not eat after, such as 8 or 9 p.m.

Look at it this way—food is fuel and, if you eat the majority of your calories at the end of the day, your body will not need the extra fuel and therefore will store it as fat.

Exercise is the essential ingredient in preventing weight gain and can be a stress reducer as well. In fact, if you exercise regularly, you may not even have to be as careful with your diet as you might expect.

That doesn't mean that exercising once a week will take care of poor eating habits, but it will add to your efforts of keeping the pounds off. Try to make it to the Recreation Center, which offers a wide variety of exercise equipment and classes, about three to four times a week. Bring a friend who also enjoys working out for inspiration.

There are personal trainers now available at an affordable cost for those of you who need additional help.

For maximum weight-gain prevention, combine aerobic activities with weight training. Nothing will keep the weight off better than toned muscles and a higher metabolism gained from exercise.

Despite my efforts in telling you how to keep yourself from gaining weight, you must be willing to take action in preventing the "15." With an extra workout here and there and a moderation of fattening foods, your pre-college weight can be maintained.

College is supposed to be the best years of your life, or so we're told, and it would be a shame to not be in the best health and shape.

You will enjoy your college experience much more if you commit to regular exercise and a good diet. Go ahead and indulge for the first week or so—you probably deserve it. Just don't forget to prevent those pounds soon after! ■

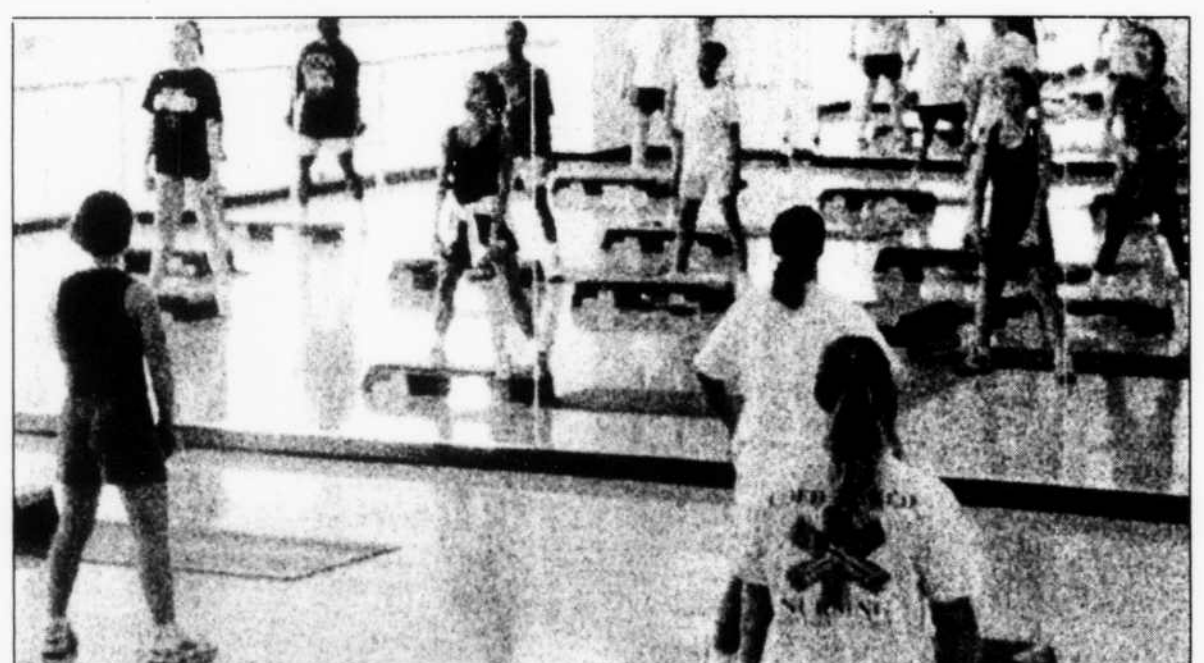


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Baseball, union research nutritional supplements

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major league baseball and the players union asked doctors Wednesday to gather information about players' use of muscle-enhancing pills.

The announcement by commissioner Bud Selig and union chief Donald Fehr comes in the wake of Mark McGwire's admission last week to The Associated Press that he has been using the testosterone-producing pill androstenedione for more than a year.

"Obviously, the health of our players is of vital concern for all of us and we want to take every precaution to assure they receive the most accurate medical and scientific information," Selig said.

Use of androstenedione (pronounced Andro-steen'-die-own) is legal in baseball but banned in the NFL, Olympics and the NCAA.

"No one can be faulted for staying entirely within the rules," Fehr said. "We look forward to hearing from our medical representatives."

A joint commission of doctors from the commissioner's office and the union will gather information about these pills and consult with other experts on the use of nutritional supplements by players.

Androstenedione is an adrenal hormone produced naturally in men and women. It is converted in the

liver to testosterone, which is used in muscle production.

The Food and Drug Administration says supplements are closer to a food than a drug and thus not subject to regulation.

Though no definitive studies have shown any harmful side effects, skeptics say the supplements could potentially have dangerous side effects similar to those of steroids, such as liver damage and heart problems.

Meanwhile, General Nutrition Centers, a national chain of nutrition-supplement centers, ordered its 3,700 stores not to sell androstenedione because of safety concerns.

In a June 9 memo obtained by the Chicago Tribune, GNC said that its own review of scientific literature concluded that "the use of androstenedione without risk of adverse events cannot be demonstrated."

"The decision was made on the lack of suitable short- and long-term research demonstrating the safety of the product at various intake levels and concern about the potential impact of product abuse," the Tribune reported Wednesday, quoting from the memo.

Other chains, however, do not share General Nutrition Centers' concerns. Great Earth Vitamin stores, a chain of 138 franchises in 23 states, sell androstenedione over the counter and by mail order. ■

Royals give Orioles sixth loss

Associated Press

Royals 2
Orioles 1

BALTIMORE—Rookie Brian Barber held Baltimore hitless until Cal Ripken doubled with two outs in the seventh inning, and the Kansas City Royals sent the Orioles to their sixth straight loss, 2-1 Saturday night.

Pitching in only his 13th

major league game, Barber (2-1) allowed only two walks before Ripken doubled into the left-field corner.

Barber then struck out B.J. Surhoff, but was lifted after giving up a leadoff single to Chris Hoiles in the eighth. He walked two and struck out two in his longest stint in the majors.

Matt Whisenant relieved and gave up a single to Lenny Webster and a run-scoring grounder to Roberto Alomar before retiring Brady

Anderson on a groundout with a runner on third.

Jeff Montgomery got the last out for his 30th save. The Royals won for eighth time in 10 games.

Mussina, working on three days' rest for the first time this season, gave up two runs and six hits in six innings. Mussina (12-8) walked two and had one strikeout — the first time this season he walked more batters than he struck out. ■

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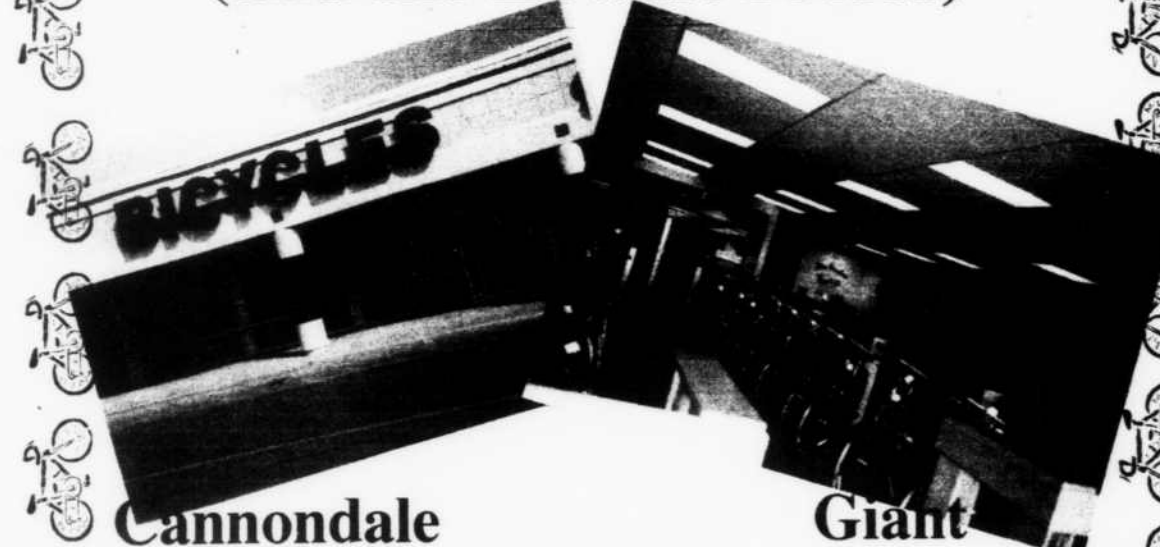
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Oilers defeat Super Bowl champions

Teresa Walker
Associated Press

NASHVILLE — The Denver Broncos are ready to get down to the business of defending their Super Bowl championship now that they've gotten the preseason out of the way.

"I don't know if you're ever totally ready, but ready or not, the regular season is here," John Elway said Saturday after the Broncos lost their exhibition finale 16-13 to the Tennessee Oilers.

"You're not going to sneak up on anybody. Everybody is going to give you their best shots. I think we're up to the challenge."

Al Del Greco kicked three field goals, including a 51-yarder, as the Oilers held off the Broncos for their first victory in Music City.

Even though the Broncos (3-1) missed a perfect preseason and lost for only the first time since Dec. 15, they scored on Elway's only series and sounded happy to focus on their Sept. 7 opener against the New England Patriots.

"I know I'm looking forward to playing the regular season," Denver coach Mike Shanahan said. "Our players are as well. We wanted to play well, but we wanted to come out of here healthy."

The Broncos did just that, although three turnovers helped the Oilers (3-1) win for the first time in their new hometown in four tries. It also gave them their first winning record in the preseason since 1992.

"The bottom line was we won by three points," Oilers coach Jeff

Fisher said. "The second most important thing is that the preseason is over. We set out to do some things, and we accomplished most of those things."

Both teams limited their starters to the first half with Elway coming out after throwing just two passes. Steve McNair of the Oilers lasted two series.

Their backups matched each other in the second quarter, leading to field goals for each team, but the Oilers didn't see what they had wanted out of James Ritchey in the second half.

Ritchey thought he had won the No. 3 job when the Oilers released Ron Powlus on Tuesday, only to see them pick up Steve Matthews off waivers from Jacksonville.

Against Denver, Ritchey had his chances as he started off inside the Denver 32 twice thanks to a fumble and an interception.

He dropped the center exchange twice and fumbled while trying to score. The Oilers wound up losing a total of eight yards and settled for Del Greco's field goals of 51 and 26 yards and a 16-10 lead.

"Did James do very well?" Fisher asked. "No, I don't think he did very well. James has made a lot of plays for us on the practice field and things like that, so our decision is not made yet. And it will be a very difficult decision."

Ritchey was replaced by Matthews with 8:20 left.

Matthews didn't get much of a chance, taking over with the ball at the Tennessee 1 following Derek Loville's fumble. But rookie Kevin Dyson dropped a pass at the 35 that would have given the Oilers breathing room and a first down.

Fisher said he should apologize to Matthews for asking him to run a sneak on his first play, something they hadn't given him in the past two days. Matthews said he was just trying not to make a mistake.

Denver's Brian Griese played the entire second half and managed to help produce only a 33-yard field goal by Jason Elam, his second.

Griese had a chance to keep the Broncos undefeated in the preseason when they got the ball back with 6:38 left. They stalled at midfield, and Dainon Sidney tipped away Griese's pass to Marcus Nash with 36 seconds left.

The Oilers had scored on eight of 11 possessions with McNair, but had managed only field goals in the opening quarter.

With Eddie George carrying six times for 19 yards, the Oilers moved 77 yards in 10 plays. McNair capped the drive with a 9-yard touchdown toss to George in the left corner of the end zone. McNair was 4-of-5 for 42 yards.

The Broncos' starters also looked ready to start the season with Terrell Davis picking up 53 yards on three carries. Elway missed his first pass but connected with Shannon Sharpe on a 26-yard touchdown on his second to tie the score 7-7. ■

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Rugby Tidbits

- the sport is a cross between soccer and football
- a rugby field is 50 x 100 meters
- one game lasts 40 minutes non-stop
- goal of game: to maintain possession of the ball

The Lady Moose, seen below, also held practice last Thursday. In its second year of play, the Lady Moose are a powerful team and look forward to a victorious year.

Below: The Lady Moose practice throwing, catching and balance techniques.



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According to a report in Wednesday's Chicago Tribune, Michael Wadsworth, the Notre Dame athletic director, last month told Big East colleagues that the Irish were seriously exploring the possibility of joining the Big Ten.

Gene Corrigan, a former Notre Dame athletic director, was quoted in the same report as saying: "If they don't do something this time, they're going to stop talking about it. That's why they're taking such a hard look at it."

It's something they'd be wise to look at."

Delany offered another indication of how serious the discussions are when he said no other university had been approached about joining the conference. Syracuse had been considered a possibility, but university president Kenneth Shaw said he and the Big Ten had not been in contact.

Although Notre Dame's fabled football prowess has waned in recent years, its inclusion in the Big Ten would be likely to give the conference a stature beyond those of all others.

It also would allow the conference to split into two six-team divisions and put on a lucrative championship game between division winners, just as the Southeastern Conference and the Big 12 do now.

And it would increase

Notre Dame's chances of becoming a major player in the new Bowl Championship Series.

Besides, all of that, it would make sense on an athletic level. Located in the Midwest, Notre Dame has had longstanding rivalries with three Big Ten members - Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue - and has also had scheduling arrangements with Penn State, Ohio State and Northwestern. Playing in the Big Ten would also reduce the school's travel costs.

Many Big Ten schools are a bus trip away, whereas the Fighting Irish must fly to most Big East away games.

Myriad details would have to be worked out before Notre Dame joined the Big Ten. Notable among them would be television contracts. Notre Dame's current football deal with NBC extends through 2005, while the Big Ten has a contract with ABC and ESPN that runs through 2007.

"I'm not going to get into contracts or whether they're excited about joining or anything like that," Delany said. "At the present time, we're only exchanging information with Notre Dame. That may be an understatement or it may be an overstatement, but that's what we're doing. We're interested in expansion."

Ballot-box blues.

Officials who designed the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) to appease growing sentiment for a Division I-A

football playoff system yesterday put on an all-out blitz to sell the public on its merits.

The inclusion of the Big Ten and the Pacific Ten will ensure that the nation's two top-ranked teams in a bowl game. This coming season, they'll be paired in the Jan. 4 Fiesta Bowl.

But there are potential flaws in the system that will be used to determine the two top teams.

Grant Teaff, president of the American Football Coaches Association, didn't help matters when he said coaches made the vote a low priority, gathering with their staffs, players and, yes, families long into Saturday night after games before turning in their votes.

Purdue coach Joe Tiller said yesterday that he lets his son Michael, a college student, vote in his name in the preseason poll. Last year, Penn State coach Joe Paterno admitted that Budd Thalman, State's associate AD for communications, did the voting for him.

Computer rankings, strength of schedule, and won-lost records will also carry weight in the BCS rankings under a system complicated enough to make fans' heads spin.

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According to a report in Wednesday's Chicago Tribune, Michael Wadsworth, the Notre Dame athletic director, last month told Big East colleagues that the Irish were seriously exploring the possibility of joining the Big Ten.

Gene Corrigan, a former Notre Dame athletic director, was quoted in the same report as saying: "If they don't do something this time, they're going to stop talking about it. That's why they're taking such a hard look at it."

It's something they'd be wise to look at."

Delany offered another indication of how serious the discussions are when he said no other university had been approached about joining the conference. Syracuse had been considered a possibility, but university president Kenneth Shaw said he and the Big Ten had not been in contact.

Although Notre Dame's fabled football prowess has waned in recent years, its inclusion in the Big Ten would be likely to give the conference a stature beyond those of all others.

It also would allow the conference to split into two six-team divisions and put on a lucrative championship game between division winners, just as the Southeastern Conference and the Big 12 do now.

And it would increase

Notre Dame's chances of becoming a major player in the new Bowl Championship Series.

Besides, all of that, it would make sense on an athletic level. Located in the Midwest, Notre Dame has had longstanding rivalries with three Big Ten members - Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue - and has also had scheduling arrangements with Penn State, Ohio State and Northwestern. Playing in the Big Ten would also reduce the school's travel costs.

Many Big Ten schools are a bus trip away, whereas the Fighting Irish must fly to most Big East away games.

Myriad details would have to be worked out before Notre Dame joined the Big Ten. Notable among them would be television contracts. Notre Dame's current football deal with NBC extends through 2005, while the Big Ten has a contract with ABC and ESPN that runs through 2007.

"I'm not going to get into contracts or whether they're excited about joining or anything like that," Delany said. "At the present time, we're only exchanging information with Notre Dame. That may be an understatement or it may be an overstatement, but that's what we're doing. We're interested in expansion."

Ballot-box blues.

Officials who designed the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) to appease growing sentiment for a Division I-A

football playoff system yesterday put on an all-out blitz to sell the public on its merits.

The inclusion of the Big Ten and the Pacific Ten will ensure that the nation's two top-ranked teams in a bowl game. This coming season, they'll be paired in the Jan. 4 Fiesta Bowl.

But there are potential flaws in the system that will be used to determine the two top teams.

Grant Teaff, president of the American Football Coaches Association, didn't help matters when he said coaches made the vote a low priority, gathering with their staffs, players and, yes, families long into Saturday night after games before turning in their votes.

Purdue coach Joe Tiller said yesterday that he lets his son Michael, a college student, vote in his name in the preseason poll. Last year, Penn State coach Joe Paterno admitted that Budd Thalman, State's associate AD for communications, did the voting for him.

Computer rankings, strength of schedule, and won-lost records will also carry weight in the BCS rankings under a system complicated enough to make fans' heads spin.

It has yet to be determined when the first BCS standings will be made public, but it will be no sooner than the conclusion of the season's first month. ■

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