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Student identified as murder victim

Roommate arrested for Tuesday's murder

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

Murfreesboro police have positively identified a body found Tuesday night as that of 25-year-old MTSU junior Andrew Poklemba.

Poklemba's body was found lying face down behind the parking lot of the Days Inn on South Church Street around 6 p.m. Assistant County Medical Examiner Charles Harlan said Poklemba died from a "contact

head." Police said he had been dead less than an hour when found.

Police have arrested his roommate, 18-year-old Rudolph "Rudy" Munn, a freshman from Manchester, and charged him with first-degree murder in the case. Police have refused comment on a motive for the killing.

Poklemba and Munn lived in Schardt Hall.

Christian Craddock, hall director at Schardt Hall, said that as far as he knew, no one in the dorm knew why

gunshot wound to the back of the Munn might have killed Poklemba. "I didn't know Andrew personally,

but I saw him around the dorm often and had talked to him a few times," Craddock said.

"People had been concerned because he'd been missing since last Tuesday. Thursday the police came out and talked to everybody, but they didn't give any information out."

Following Friday's arrest, "the reaction among the residents has really been one of stunned disbelief," Craddock said. "We're having a hard

that someone we know killed someone else we know. It's just not real."

Craddock said he is going to contact the counseling center to make counselors available to talk to students about the killing.

Poklemba's body was found without any ID and police could not identify him initially. As a last resort, they released a composite drawing of the victim to local television stations.

The drawing was broadcast Wednesday night with a plea for time coming to terms with the idea information about the identity of the

victim. A phone call resulted from that broadcast which led detectives to tentatively identify him.

His identification was confirmed by fingerprints.

Poklemba was an ROTC student and history major. He served in Operation "Just Cause" in Panama and in the Persian Gulf War.

Munn is being held without bond at the Rutherford County Adult Detention Center, with a hearing scheduled for Thursday in General Sessions Court in Murfreesboro.

Piano sale results in new music equipment

By Heather Hybarger/staff

The MTSU Music Department has sold all of their pianos, but this is a good thing.

MTSU is participating for the second time in cooperation with Kawai America Corp., Shuff's Music, and MarketLink Services, Inc. to sell all the Music Department's pianos. By participating in this program, the Music Department is provided with new pianos each year. They are used by the Music Department for nine months, then sold to the general public at a markdown from the original retail price.

MTSU is just one of the 200 universities involved in the program.

"[This program] is a partnership between education and private enterprise," said Steve Alfed, MarketLink representative in charge of the piano sale. "It's a marketing program at it's best."

This year the sale was held Dec. 1-3 in the Wright Music Building. Alumni, students, faculty, and staff were given first opportunity to purchase pianos Friday and Saturday. They were asked to make appointments to go through the makeshift show room in the building.

An open house was held for the general public Sunday from 12-4 p.m. Pianos could be purchased on a first come, first served basis.

Kawai will loan MTSU 35 pianos next semester, worth more than \$250,000, to replace those sold this past weekend.

Review praises Collage

A review by Heather Hybarger/staff

Once again, Collage, MTSU's creative arts magazine can be picked up around campus, and it is definitely worth picking up.

Collage features artwork, poetry, short stories, photography, and sculptures by MTSU students and faculty. Also featured are articles pertinent to creative arts

To choose the works that are accepted to Collage is a long and difficult process. Over one hundred poems were entered, of which only nine were finally printed.

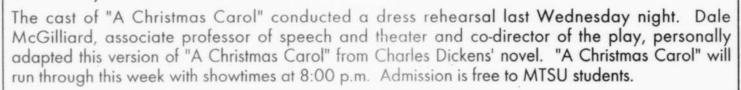
"We want to make it an honor to be in Collage," says Chris Ervin, editor. "We try to pick the very best

of all the selections we receive."

The effect is a 32 page magazine that can be read in one sitting. The pages are not cluttered, and the artists, photographers, and writers are all very talented. It leaves the reader wanting more.

"The selection process is very complicated and we put a painstaking effort to insure objectivity, but of course, there is an element of subjectivity in any art form," Ervin said

Overall the Collage staff should be commended. The magazine is very pleasing to the eye and very interesting to read. I look forward to the next edition.



Hosts needed for exchange students

By Mark T. Gibson/staff

Holiday cheer

Nacel Cultural Exchanges, an international student exchange program based in France, is looking families Murfreesboro/Nashville area to host international students while they study at MTSU.

Possible benefits for the host family include the free exchange of an American student to a foreign country

MTSU Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages Rita-Marie Maisonneuve serves as the local representative for Nacel and has been involved in the exchange program in this area for several years.

"My job is to find host families who will take in European students who range in age from 13 to 20, and who come here to practice their English and learn about the American way of life," Maisonneuve

"We would like to have more participation here in this area, especially since the South is so wellknown for it's hospitality. Having someone stay with you is a really good experience, culturally and linguistically, for the whole family.'

Students who participate in the Nacel program have complete health

studied English and provide their of available host families for own spending money, reducing the financial burden on the host family

The exchange students will arrive groups accompanied by a chaperone-an adult from each student's native country who will act as a liason for the student and host family if the need arises. Host families for the adult chaperones are also needed.

The students usually arrive at the beginning of July and stay for the month," Maisonneuve said. "The students don't have to be provided with their own room, just their own

"This is a way for kids to make lifelong friendships," Maisonneuve ontinued. "If host families wish to send their son or daughter overseas the following year, they can do so without paying anything.

"Many of my former host families' children have gone abroad to stay with the family of the student they hosted, and they are friends forever."

The students stay for three to four weeks, and some will study at MTSU for most or all of that time. This freedom allows families to take their guest on vacations or family

Maisonneuve, who is Canadian, said the reputation and popularity of

exchange students.

"Europeans love to come to the South, I don't really know why," she said. "I think it's because [the South] has more magic, more mystery, more appeal. The media, with movies like Gone With The Wind, and books by Tennessee Williams and Faulkner, have all contributed to the appeal. They're very curious-they want to

know the truth about the South. "They also like the history," Maisonneuve added. "Europeans are very curious about history, and this area has an awful lot of Civil War-era information to sate this need. They want to learn about all of these things.'

According to Maisonneuve, the urgent need for Nacel at the moment

is to sign up host families. "Even though we haven't had a lot of calls so far, I'm not too worried because Southern hospitality has always come through when needed, she said.

Students will not be arriving until next summer, but Maisonneuve said it's important to begin lining up families now in order to have everything set up in time. Any student who is interested in hosting a family or going overseas should call 898-5013 or 898-2981. •



The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the KUC on Tuesday and Wednesday this week from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. T-shirts and pizza will given to all that donate. The Red Cross asks MTSU to give blood. It saves lives.



The cover of the 1995 Fall Collage, MTSU's literary magazine.

Performing Arts Co. gets 'A +'

By Anissa Bartely / staff

One of the best kept secrets at MTSU was revealed on Sunday, Nov. 19., when the MTSU Performing Arts Company presented "The Rhythm Is Gonna Get Ya."

Why was the performance a secret? That's a good question. My theory is that the performance, which is usually a class project, was not well publicized except among other dancers. This leaves out a huge segment of the MTSU population, which was the major shortcoming of the entire production.

It appears to make no sense to spend an entire semester preparing a show that limited numbers will be able to see, especially when the show is marvelous.

Every semester the Dance Group and several other classes will put together a production to show off their talents. This years groups were the Social Dance Class, Beginning Jazz Class and some guest performers from Centre Stage Dance Studio.

"We Can Do It Too," was especially interesting. The music was by Quincy Jones and choreographed by Cindi

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McKinney, who is one of the dance instructors. This group of dancers consisted of Jennifer Campbell, Allison Johnson, Kerry Cobb, Jennifer Oatsvall, Shelly Gregory, Gretchen Maynard, Kati Fransisco and Nyoka Taylor.

The tap dance resembled a dance-off between the guys and gals. The bobbing eyes and heads of the audience also helped to keep the beat of the dance. It seems hard to believe that they could learn all of that in one semester.

"Human Nature,"

choreographed by Jennifer Campbell with music by Madonna, was also fabulous! The dancers in this number were Allison Johnson, John Sanders, Jennifer Campbell, and Aaron Lee.

"Justice's Groove" was another display of erotic pleasure. The music was by Stanley Clarke and choreographed by Natasha Brown. This group consisted of Aaron Lee, Bradley Parters, John Sanders, Laurie Allen, Laura Fulcher, Bobby Runions, Paula Hindman, Jennifer Campbell and Eric West.

"Justice's Groove" created a different effect, because all the dancers were together in a single file line and danced in exquisite synchronization.

Legs, hands, fingers, torsos, hips and eyes were all in one direction. This gave the appearance of a well oiled machine with gears running clockwise.

As for the last dance, well let's just say that they had the audience pumping. It was easy to see that the rythm had already gotten this talented group of dancers.



By College Press Service

Evanston, Ill-The scene seemed like any other alumni gathering. Former classmates caught up an old times, while others networked, exchanged business cards.

But in addition to each guest having graduated from the same college, the group of Northwestern University alumni gathered recently at a Chicago restaurant also had something else in common. They were gay.

Increasely, universities and colleges are ready to recognize their gay and lesbian population after years of ignoring the special needs of these alumni.

"The college environment has changed in the last years," says Charles Katzenmayer, chairperson of the 10th reunion committee at Northwestern University.
"Now, 30 bisexual or gay freshmen show up ready to be out at school, to be gay on campus-as 18 years-olds."

Because this "openess" is a recent scholastic event, often older gay alumni say they feel disconnected from their colleges, "that their college and current lives don't mesh," says Katzenmayer, "and we wanted to recognize these people."

So following the lead of other universities, such as Harvard, Yale and Princeton, Northwestern University welcomed home their gay and lesbian alumni during Homecoming week this fall with the Inaugural Gay and Lesbian Reception.

More than 200 people attended the two-hour reception.

"We were delighted with the turn-out. There was a really diverse crowd and tredemous spirit in the rooom," says Katzenmayer. "[Gay] alumni suddenly felt accepted."

For other colleges, it's not bad for fund raising, either.

Many prominent gay alumni who, pre-homecoming had little or nothing to do with the university, now have an active interest in the school, says Katzenmayer. The New York thespian Charles Busch, a Northwestern alumnus, has even agreed to teach an occasional class.

Also, by working with reunion participants, Northwestern has created a mentoring program and database designed to network gay student and alumni.

Recognizing gay alumni seems to be an idea whose time has come on many campuses. But considering the closeted years of the past, how do you know who to invite to reunions?

"Excuse me, are you gay?" isn't a question all alumni seen willing to answer or want to be asked.

"It's very challenging, a tredemous hurtle," said Katzenmayer. "We used the multi-strategy approach. First, we included a notice in the homecoming invitation invitation that went out to 20, 000 people. It included a phone number and e-mail address. We had some interest from that."

"On homecoming weekend, people re-learned of the event. The third step was we gave a bunch of invitations to people of all ages to give their friends to pass along, and well-word of mouth is pretty powerful. We also made special appeals to the local gay publications. Local advertising was essential."



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Campus Capsule

Wesley Foundation weekly

Mon. Dec. 4- 6:00 p.m. Munch Bunch Tues. Dec. 5- 5:30 p.m.

Wesley's Christmas Caroling Wed. Dec. 6- 11:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Wed. Lunch 7:00 p.m. Koinonia

7:30 p.m. Wesley Singers Rehearsal Fri. Dec. 8- 8:00 p.m.

Coffeehouse and Christmas Sun. Dec. 10- 5:00 p.m.

Progressive Dinner The Student Council for

Exceptional Children needs donations of mittens, hats, socks, 8-count crayons, and candy canes for our adopted school program. Donations of new and like-new clothing also accepted. Take donations to Jones Hall, room 214.

The MTSU Pre-Law Society proudly presents Dr. Jim Brooks, the chairperson of the and Theater Department and the former coach of the MTSU Debate Team. He will be discussing effective communication in the courtroom. All majors are invited to attend. We will meet Peck Hall room 215.

Society for Human Resource Management Student Chapter is meeting Dec. 4 at 4:00 p.m. room 106 in the Nursing Building. Larry Blick from Natural Resources Conservation Service will be giving a presentation on Mgt. and TQM training and Remote Satellite Training Refreshments served.

College Republicans will hold an organizational meeting Dec. 4, 7:00 p.m. room 316,

Collegiate 100 of MTSU will be hosting its first induction. ceremony, Dec. 5. All members should be present. The assistant has not been

JUB Dining Room C at 6:30 time. The application deadline assistance please call Tanisha 7:00 p.m. in KUC room 312. historical event.

PSI CHI/Psychology Club will be hosting Dr. Toni Tang, Tues. Dec. 5, 4:00-5:30 p.m. in Peck Hall room 213. Dr. Tang will be speaking on "Hypnotism: Lecture and Demonstration.

Phi Beta Lambda is having their annual Christmas Party on Dec. 5 in the KUC from 10:40 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information contact Penny Hunter-Davis at 895-0072 or J.R. Roberts at 898-

The Partee Krewe of MTSU will be sponsoring an end of the semester pajama partee at 527 Mainstreet on Dec. 6 at 10:00 p.m. All proceeds go to the Kaleidoscope Foundation. For more information contact Tatanya Carmichael at 904-7241 or Andre Dooley at 898-

Sigma Tau Delta English Honors Fraternity will hold their next meeting Dec. 7 at 6:00 p.m. to "whenever" at 141 Popular St., Murfreesboro. Wewill have a social time and at 6:00 p.m. Moon. Dec. 4, in discuss O. Henry's "The Cift of the Magi." Members, guests and interested people are welcome. Call 893-2606 for directions or information.

> The Final Date to pay outstanding debts to the University to hear your grades via Tram and/or receive a printed grade report upon request is Dec. 15.

> Applications will be accepted for a graduate assistant, CUSTOMS student coordinator, and Student Orientation Assistant (SOA). The deadline for CUSTOMS student coordinator is Jan. 12. The deadline for a graduate

p.m. Come be apart of this for SOA's will be Jan. 16. Applications can be picked up at the KUC, room 122, Dept. of New Student Orientation.

> The Women's Leadership Conference is now accepting nominations for the Women of Achievement Awards is be held on Friday, March 8, 1996. Nomination forms are available in the June Anderson Women's Center, JUB 206. Nominations may be made by anyone who is currently a student, faculty member or administrator. Deadline for nominations is December 15. 1995. For more information, contact the JAWC at 898-2193.

The Women's Leadership Conference will be held on Friday, March 8, 1996, at MTSU. The conference is open to any female college student. The conference features Harriett Woods as keynote speaker, three leadership workshop sessions and the Women Tennessee Achievement Awards. Cost of conference is \$15 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and an afternoon reception. Registration forms available in the June Anderson Women's Center, JUB 206. Registration deadline is February 15, 1996. For more information, contact the JAWC at 898-2193.

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

Anyone interested in tutoring

Harris at 898-4056. This Tutorial Program is sponsored by the NAACP (educational committee).

The Japan Center is also sponsoring many off campus exhibitions. A Japanese Good-Luck Charms Exhibit will be on display in the Jean Keener Room, 442 W. Second North St., Morristown, TN. A Japanese Kite Photographs Exhibit will be on display at the Arrowhead/Aerospace Cultural Center Museum, 24 Campground Road. Manchester, TN. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday-Saturday 9:30-4:00, with admission charge. The kites pictured are traditional Japanese kites crafted and photographed by Joy Smith of Murfreesboro. For more information on all these exhibits please contact The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

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

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

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

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship has weekly induction will be held in the determined at the present of who would like tutoring meetings every Tuesday at

Call Trista at 898-3256 or Chris Ward at 898-3244.

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

The Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry will meet Thursday, Nov. 30 at the KUC Next grill. Tuesday Canterbury will meet at the home of the Rev. Gene Wise, 143 Cherry Lane, at 7:00 p.m. for dinner and fellowship. Contact Rev. Andrew Wright with questions at 893-3780.

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

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

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

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

Compromise may be had on direct lending

By Kelley Gary/ College Press Service

Washington-The recent agreement between the Republican-led Congress and President Clinton to balance the budget in seven years could led to new negotiations concerning the direct lending program.

A budget plan approved by the House of Representatives and Senate on Nov. 24 called for a 10 percent cap on the volume of student loans that could be provided through direct lending. But the reconciliation bill, compromise of earlier legislation by each chamber of Congress, is expected to be vetoed by President Clinton, who called the large cuts to programs such as education and welfare unacceptable.

Currently, direct loans account for 38 percent of total student loan volume. Popular on campuses, direct loans provide federal student loan funds directly to colleges, bypassing banks and lending institutions.

Proponents of direct lending say that the 10 percent cap would effectively destroy direct lending by making the program too expensive to run for so many participants.

Earlier this month, the American Council on Education distributed letters to the White House and to Republican leaders with the signatures of 470 college presidents praising direct lending.

In addition, President Clinton received a Nov. 17 letter in support of a veto signed by 123 campus student leaders representing 45 states.

Opponents to direct lending have administrating the direct lending program is too costly. They also say they oppose turning the Education Department into one of the biggest consumer lenders and cite the government's poor track record on collecting on defaulted loans.



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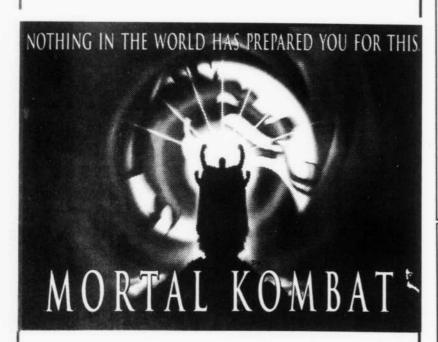
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campus, many people led believe that there certain rules to parking

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that simply don't exist. The specific non-existent rule I am making reference to is the "When-myhazard-lights-are-flashing-Ican-park-anywhere-I-darnwell-please" rule that seems to

Driving be taking the campus by storm.

People, people, people! There is nothing more irritating than to be beebopping along, getting ready to go somewhere, other than the campus, and discover that you are blocked in by some block head that thinks it is okay to park anywhere when his or her hazard lights are flashing.

Don't get me wrong, I've done it myself. You cruise around Cope and can't find a parking place anywhere. So, in sheer desperation, you pull into an area semi-blocked off with florescent orange cones and gigantic signs that say, "No Parking or We Will Take Your First Born Child."

Do you heed the warnings of the sign and park out in the horse fields? Oh no, you pluck the hazard lights on and whisk away for three minutes inside Cope only to return to a

ticketed car.

I've done it. You may have done it. It is illegal, so we really shouldn't do it. If you are going to park with the hazards flashing please don't "bump" into an old friend and spend twenty minutes catching up on old times. There are few things as annoying as waiting for someone to un-block your

I recently did, however, find out that there are things that are more annoying than being blocked in by a "hazard

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light parker." Last week when I got out of my class at the Mass Communication building, I decided to go work out at the Rec Center. Instead of grabbing my clothes out of the car and walking the extra 100 yards from my car, that was parked outside of the Mass Communication building, I decided it would make more sense to drive over and park in front of the Rec Center.

I started Lewis, my 1978 chalk board green Impala, and drove over to find the Rec Center's parking lot blocked off. It seems that the best time to scrape all of the pavement from the parking area in front of the Rec Center is right before the students actually leave the campus for Christmas break! Anyway, I lost my excellent parking spot behind Mass Comm so I decided to break the laws of parking and take a spot over in family housing. MISTAKE!

When I came back out to my car, I found a nice yellow envelope with a parking ticket tucked neatly inside. I knew I had broken the rules and decided that I would drive directly over to Cope and pay for my crime. That is when things got really fun.

I put my key into the ignition and turned...Grrrr,

"Okay," I thought to myself, "Lewis is just a little tired from driving all over Tennessee this Thanksgiving." Grrrrr, grrrrrrr,

grrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr. I decided to stop trying to start my car once three women walked past my car and started to laugh. This is not an uncommon occurrence, but when my car doesn't start those laughs become a knife being twisted in my back.

Well, to make a long story even longer, I had to go bum a ride back to my apartment from my friend Nathan. Once I got to my apartment, I felt some sort of twisted need to call my step-dad and run up my long distance phone bill. He gave me some advice on how to repair Lewis and said he would drive up if the need

After calling my step-dad, and anyone else that knew enough about cars to change their own oil, I felt a little bit better. I now had a plan. Josh, my roommate, would drive me to work. After work, Jared, my friend and boss, would drive me back to my car and fix it. Sounded easy, right? Well it was pretty easy.

I just stood around and held a flash light while Jared ripped the guts out of Lewis and, ten minutes later, fired him right up. I don't know much about auto mechanics, but I bet you none of this would have happened if I had left my hazard lights flashing.



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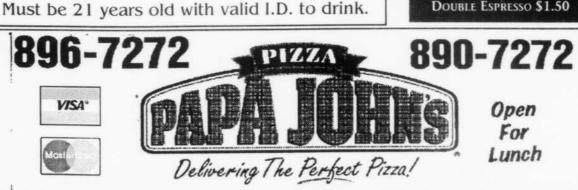
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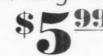
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Letter to the Editor

Special gay-advantage laws not necessary for freedom

To the Editor,

The logic of issues that I raised in my first letter (Sidelines, Oct. 30) has been challenged and perhaps as expected the issues of "subtle bigotry" and homophobia have been introduced into the debate. Again for the record, I still maintain that all people no matter what sexual activity they are engaged in should retain fundamental rights guaranteed to all citizens by the U.S. constitution. At the same time, like many I do not think it is the place of the university to engage in special gay advantage legislation. The university should be concerned with enforcing existing laws.

I stated in my letter of Oct. 30, that the efforts of the UEC are part of a national campaign, having the support of some national groups. However, I did not state or imply that the support was "made up of gay and lesbian organizations" as quoted on Mr. Grantham's response. (Sidelines, Nov. 2). The point I made was that despite the support of many national groups, there are some within the gay and lesbian community that do not support initiatives such as UEC's. I would like to believe that it was not the intention of Mr. Grantham to misrepresent my position.

If as suggested by Grantham and implied by Beemon (Sidelines, Nov. 6) individuals face physical violence and harassment, there are already existing laws (such as Hate Crimes Act) that can be used to stop such harassment or

prosecute alleged offenders.

The opposition to the UEC resolution does not represent a misunderstanding or willful misrepresentation. While it is true that the UEC resolution explicitly states that the statement will incorporate a specific exemption from the University's Affirmative Action Policies, the UEC statement and resolution, none the less liken "sexual orientation" to "other protected groups." One well researched item that will interest Mr. Grantham, is that the courts have in the past applied the Affirmative Action principles to cases that relate to "Equal Educational Opportunity" and "Equal Employment Opportunity," (specific terms used in the UEC resolution) even in those situations where specific exemptions are implied or stated. A reference to what happened in the state of Wisconsin when the gay community successfully lobbied for the inclusion of "sexual orientation" into the language of the law can prove helpful here. One is not sure that this type of situation will not come back to haunt the university as it did the Governor of Wisconsin in 1992. Another related research that can be of interest is the Los Angeles Police Department case in February 1993. These are some of the reasons some of us do not believe that it is the function of

the university to engage in special gay advantage legislation (or for any other group) that is not mandated by the laws of the land. It is also important to note that the present non-discrimination statements and affirmative action policies of the university are either mandated by federal and/or state laws and courts of the land.

Beemon and Grantham suggest that better analogy to "sexual orientation" protection is religion rather than race or gender. Many aspects of religion are very visible (names for example). Unlike sexual orientation, there is a sociological pattern that can be deduced from it. Some religions are passed down through the family unit. This immutability (which is not the case with sexual behavior) as expressed in some religious beliefs make it appropriate for the courts and the State to protect individuals' religious beliefs while at the same time not promote any religious belief (as expressed in the first amendment to the U.S. constitution). The U.S. Supreme Court in a number of cases over the years has not seen the analogy between religion and sexual orientation as suggested by Beemon and Grantham. In fact the country's court of last resort can be no more explicit when it comes to the issue of homosexual sodomy rights than in its ruling in Bowers v. Hardwick in 1986. The ruling states that homosexual sodomy does not qualify for protection as a fundamental right. In this decision the Supreme Court upheld the constitutional rights of the State to criminalize sodomy. On the other hand, the court has consistently protected the right to religious freedom.

It seems that until the law of the land is changed, or until the Supreme Court changes its opinion, we should leave the university out of the business of "extending a basic Civil Right." We should continue to appeal to people's sense of decency and treat each other with mutual respect, and when needed use existing laws to protect individuals from harassment and physical violence. Yes, the reality of being humans is that we are imperfect, and as a result, we are free from "attitudinal discrimination." The present laws of the land do not protect any one from such attitudinal discrimination, and based on the Supreme Court's opinions such discrimination does not qualify any group for protection as a suspect class.

Finally, Grantham's quote of Desmond Tutu that everyone is part of the "rainbow people of God" does not suggest that God endorses all human behavior. As Desmond Tutu himself will concur, some human behavior clearly is not pleasing to God.

S. Kim Sokoya Associate Professor, Management and Marketing

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Letters to the Editor

Change of parking lot by Mass Comm bad for residents

To the Editor,

When we read the sign posted at the entrance to the parking lot next to the Mass Communication Building, we became quickly angered. How can they do this to us? They, the MTSU Parking Committee, are changing that parking lot code from green to white, meaning that it will now be used solely for faculty parking. Where are the students going to park now? It is no secret that parking is a problem. There is nowhere for students to park as it is. We, as well as many other students, simply will not tolerate this most recent display of the lack of concern for students. MTSU is home to many students. We live here nine months out of a year. The faculty are here for only a couple of hours a day, and they are complaining! If that parking lot is changed from green to white, many students living in Area IV will have to haul all their things from somewhere behind the Mass Comm. Building to their residence hall. In addition it is not safe at night for many female students, if they have to park somewhere far away. Faculty members, when you are going home from a hard days work, do you all want to park down the street from your house and walk to it? No, you want to get as

your driveway. The lot across from the Mass Communication Building is our driveway. We live in Wood/Felder Hall, and when there is no space available out front, we can always count on getting a space in the lot across from the Mass Communication Building. If the MTSU Parking Committee does change the lot from green to white, this shows that the MTSU faculty and administration DO NOT CARE about the students needs. Also, they are denying the students their right to voice their concerns. Please do the right thing and keep our parking lot code green!!

Sincerely,

Bryan Ashley Gerald Patton Kara Williams Misty Shrum

'Toy Story' great because of tight, well-woven plot

To the Editor,

If you ever wonder what it is like to be a toy, Disney's new computer animated feature length movie Toy Story gives the viewer some delightful imagery in the beautiful package of a well woven story.

It is an adventure story starring two expressive toys overcoming their individual internal contradictions. Woody, the cloth cowboy of a relic past, is played by Tom Hanks, and he battles the monster that has plagued individuals and destroyed nations throughout history—his envy for Buzz Lightyear, a new birthday present. Buzz, the plastic, made-in-Taiwan, futuristic universe-saver is played by Tim Allen, and he has to overcome his newly discovered realization—he is just a toy.

The two characters are thrust into the throng of the outside world when Woody's envy causes Buzz's potential demise. During their search for a way home, they travel from the grandeur of a pizzeria to the horrors of a sadistic child's bedroom. In each scene and as the plot progresses, they encounter fresh and exciting obstacles that cause them—if they want to survive—to weed out their philosophic errors.

What primarily makes this movie a success, is not the resplendent computer animation, but it is that Woody and Buzz overcome their internal conflicts through the action of a tight, clear plot. In fact, the plot is so disciplined that it makes most modern movies seem like they were written by children. Each stage is clearly defined, purposeful, and the climax is amazingly clever and

Toy Story is a delight to see, and it has left me smiling for days.

suspenseful.

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Wakeland's last gripe: X-press should be consistent



week of school. A memorable time for all. Allnighters to finish the term paper, the beginning of cram sessions for

comprehensive biology final, the last blowout of the semester at Conrad's.

A memorable time for me as well. This is the

last school daze column. Next semester I begin a full-time internship in the Tennessee State Legislature, which means I will not be able to continue exposing some of the ridiculous happenings that happen here.

See, when I accepted the internship I was told I could no longer write for Sidelines. Imagine that-politicians not wanting a journalist to expose their methods firsthand. Go figure.

I have a friend in state government who told me government officials see my stories or columns

Ah, the last once every three or four weeks. I'll bet they loved my clips when Governor Sundquist froze \$50 million in MTSU construction projects last

> With my track record, I'm surprised I wasn't laughed out of the building when I went for the interview.

> I will miss writing the column, as I will listening to your complaints about the way some things work around here. Hopefully, someone will step up and fill my role. I have always felt that if silly and stupid things aren't exposed, they will fester and grow into a monster incapable of being tamed.

> For some, I know this is a time of celebration. No more bashing the dictatorial methods of Parking and Transportation. I can see P&T manager Gary Hunter doing an Irish jig on his desk at the joy of getting rid

> I was told earlier this semester that Campus Police would be glad to see me go. This I truly cannot understand. As far as I know, I have never written a bad word about that department.

When a female student was reportedly raped in a parking lot last (what journalists call "clips") about spring, I praised them for getting OPINION

17,000 flyers out about the suspect within 24 hours of the attack.

When the rap show on the Knoll was shut down in October, I made it clear that they had nothing to do with it; that it was the fault of the city police. They did their job in that situation and did it well.

Campus Police became one of eight college police departments in America to become certified last That is quite an accomplishment and I said so when it happened. It shows how competent they are as a police department.

Campus Police spokesman Dustin Miller has never been anything but cordial to me when we see each other around campus, as I have been to him. No one from Campus Police has ever expressed a dissatisfactory word to my face, nor over the phone to my

Why they got mad at me is a mystery to me, except that police are inherently more paranoid of journalists than are politicians.

To paraphrase a former president, You won't have Warren Wakeland to kick around anymore."

Some of you won't care. That's good. Sidelines has run this column

in the opinion section because it is an backwards, meaning they stop in opinion backed with facts, not a news story. It is my opinion of what I see. You should formulate your own

In the four semesters I have written this column, I have been told once that I had facts wrong. That was in the second column I wrote. I am quite proud of that.

So, in keeping once more with the tradition of opinions backed with facts, I offer this tidbit by which I may be remembered.

· The last few weeks I have ridden the Raider Xpress blue route bus to get from behind Mass Comm to Peck Hall. I had always thought that "route" was a singular word. The blue route is proving me wrong.

Since I have been busing, the drivers have run three different routes. Sometimes after passing Deere Hall they will turn right onto the road that goes in front of Mass Comm. There are two extra stops now if they take the right turn.

Sometimes they will not turn right and just go straight to Cope Administration Building. Then they do not stop at the corner between Judd and Clement Halls, where there

Sometimes they run the route

front of KOM and JUB before making a U-turn and going to Peck.

What's up with this?

When they run backwards, it means the bus takes longer to make its circuit. It takes them long enough as it is.

When they run two different routes, you don't know if the bus is going to make a stop in front of the Bragg Graphic Arts building (BGA) or skip it entirely. That must be frustrating for someone wanting to ride the bus to BGA.

I know it's boring to run the same path every day, but consistency is what makes a bus route useable. How can you use it if doesn't follow a consistent schedule?

My final complaint. I sob in mourning.

And so, school daze goes into the annals of MTSU history. It has been my intention to inform and enlighten you all about university happenings, as well as get you to laugh from time to time. I hope I have succeeded in my mission.

May the Lord bless your path for all of your days.

Warren Wakeland is a senior Public Relations student.

Education costs money but so does ignorance



"Education costs money, but then ignorance."

Sir Claus Moser, Dean of Oxford (1990)

As an MTSU graduate, know there are few investments that show such tangible results

investment in education. It not only allows students to further their goals. but it allows our nation to perpetuate a goal we all share: the cycle of productiveness. This cycle is what has made our nation great. Beginning with a good education, young people are able to get jobs, have families, buy homes, start businesses, contribute to their own communities...and continue the cycle. In many cases, financial aid is what fuels this cycle of productivity.

MTSU senior Rebekah Hibdon is proof. With strong goals and a desire to succeed this elementary education major Rebekah has a 3.4 grade point average and a plan to get a teaching job as soon as she graduates next spring. She wants to work, to support herself and to use her education teaching future generations and helping them get the right start. This is the cycle that perpetuates our productivity, but this year it came dangerously close to being slowed or stopped altogether. Some in Congress were proposing huge cuts in

OPINION

"Like thousands of other MTSU students, Rebekah wants to succeed and she wants to do so responsibly. But like so many of us that have gone before her, she merely needed a hand-up to opportunity."

the loans and grants that are allowing Rebekah Hibdon and thousands of others to succeed.

Rebekah's goals are within reach, but they wouldn't be without the Pell Grants and Stafford loans that have helped her pay for school. Rebekah's father works at a factory and her mother has medical problems that prevent her from working. Her parents wanted Rebekah and her sister to go to college, but they wouldn't have been able to do so without help. Rebekah was determined to get an education, but said that without the financial aid, she would have had to get a full time job, and attend class at night, putting off her graduation. She says such a burden would have kept her from focusing on the education she wanted, and would have forced her to put off graduating, getting a job and contributing to our community.

Like thousands of other MTSU

students, Rebekah wants to succeed and she wants to do so responsibly. But like so many of us that have gone before her, she merely needed a handup to opportunity. With your help I have worked hard to preserve that assistance and we have made some progress. For example, the original proposal of cutting student aid by \$10 billion dollars has now been reduced to \$5 billion dollars. But these are still unfair cuts and I still need your help in defeating them. In addition, there are indications those who wanted to dismantle the system this year, will try again, in the future.

There is no question we need to balance the federal budget, but there is a right way and a wrong way to do it. The right way is to clean up the waste and fraud in financial aid. Several years ago I went undercover to a Tennessee trade school, which confirmed widespread abuse of tax dollars. Since then I have been able to pass numerous reforms to the student loan system that have already reduced defaults by over \$1 billion dollars a year, making more money available to other students and saving taxpayer money. Cutting out waste makes much more sense than just blindly cutting vital

Rebekah Hibdon and many others like her give us a reason to continue the fight. We must preserve student aid...an investment that is already bringing big returns for Rebekah's future and the preservation of our cycle of productivity that will allow thousands of others to succeed.

UVA begins medical study of near-death experiences

By College Press Service

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va .-People have long reported unusual visions during a near-death experience. We've all heard about them-floating above one's body watching the physicians work; overhearing the conversations of loved ones in the hospital corridor; seeing a tunnel and a bright, beckoning light. But do people who claim these experiences change, heal faster than others-even experience miraculous recoveries?

Researchers at the University of Virginia hope to soon have answers to these haunting questions. The nation's first grant to study neardeath experiences was recently awarded to U. Va. by a psychology institute in Freiburg, Germany.

The \$250,000 grant will allow researchers to work in conjunction with the cardiac care unit at the university's medical school. Over the next three years, they will collect and study incidents of heart attack patients who report unusual sensations of visions during their lifethreatening experiences. Their recovery will be compared to that of other heart attack patients who perceived no such other-worldly

"There have been a lot of claims that near-death experiences change people both psychologically and physically," explains Dr. Bruce Greyson, professor of psychiatry. "We are trying to determine if they recover faster and more fully than those who don't." Greyson estimates that anywhere from 20 to 40 percent of people who have a close

brush with death report these occurrences. Most find these to be positive experiences that cause them to no longer fear death and enjoy life more. They also report an overall improvement in their health.

"People often report personality changes-being less competitive and more cooperative; less concerned with material possessions and more concerned with spirituality and relationships," says Greyson. "They also report physical changes where their bodies and brains function differently. Or that they've experienced a seemingly miraculous recovery from illness. We are trying to see if, in fact, this is true."

U. Va. has been involved in studying near-death phenomena for the last 20 years, but this is the first time they will have such a controlled environment. In the past they have had to try to piece together data . months, or even years, after the fact. Often medical records were hard to find and observers were no longer clear on critical details.

Dr. Ian Stevenson, the project director, cites the example of a woman who nearly died from a blood clot during childbirth. She reported leaving her husband and aunt, and of other hospital personnel. By the time this story was relayed to researchers, however, important details had

become vague. Stevenson says he believes this new project will help them overcome these frustrating problems. Now, researchers will have access to patients immediately after an event. This means the patient's recollections will be clearer and the medical and

psychological after effects easier

to document.

That doesn't mean, however, that they are discounting their research involving other neardeath stories. In fact, they ask anyone who has undergone this type of experience to mail their account to Stevenson at the University of Virginia Division of Personality Studies, Box 152, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22908.

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SPORTS

Lady Raiders win Malibu tourney

Middle defeats Radford to win, Prater named tourney MVP

Staff Reports

The MTSU Lady Raiders basketball team remained undefeated this weekend in California, winning the Malibu Classic tournament at Pepperdine University.

Other teams participating in the tournament Pepperdine, Radford and Houston.

The Raiders opened tournament play on Saturday with a 76-65 victory over the Lady Cougars from Houston.

Middle had to overcome a halftime deficit to beat the Lady Cougars and advance to Sunday's final game.

The Lady Raiders were led to the victory over Houston by senior guard Trella Thomas who scored 18 points, 11 in the second half. Heather Prater added 14 points, and Jessica Beaty and Cortney Neeley each contributed Freshman sensation Jonelda Buck continued to be a force for the Lady Raiders in the paint with 10 points.

"It was a great victory over one of the most physical teams we've played." Lady Raider head coach Lewis Bivens told The Daily News Journal after the Houston win. "It was a big win."

Sunday's tournament final pitted

the Raiders against the Highlanders from Radford. Middle was able to dominate the Lady Highs, especially in the second half, when Radford's shots refused to fall.

The Lady Raiders held a 79-65 lead late in the game, but Radford attempted to make a comeback. The Lady Highs, as they are known, went on an 8-5 run in the last two minutes of the game, but the Middle Tennessee squad was able to hold on to capture the tournament crown by the score of 84-73.

Prater had an especially good game against the Lady Highs, good enough in fact to warrant her being chosen as Most Valuable Player of the tournament. At press time, statistics from the Radford win and the rest of the all-tournament team had not been released.

The Lady Raiders return home this weekend to host the annual Lady Raider Classic tournament this Friday and Saturday. Middle's first opponent in the Classic will be the Belmont Bruins.

Middle leads the series with Belmont, 12-0, with the Lady Raiders winning 82-72 in the two teams' last meeting one year ago.

The other game scheduled for Friday night in the opening round of the Classic will match the University of Alabama against the Lady Tigers from Jackson (Miss.) State. If the Raiders should continue their winning streak and defeat the 23rdranked Crimson Tide in the Classic, Middle may break into the national rankings for the first time in several seasons.

Tip-off for the opening round of the Lady Raider Classic is scheduled for 6 p.m., and the MTSU-Belmont game is schedule d for 8 p.m. at Murphy Center.

The consolation championship games will take place on Saturday at 6 and 8. •

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2-1 Blue Raiders host NE Missouri tonight

Staff Reports

The Blue Raider basketball team suffered its first loss of the season due to a last-second 3-pointer in Fort Worth, Texas Thursday night.

After tying the score with the Texas Christian Horned Frogs with just 19 seconds left, TCU guard Jeff Jacobs drained a trey with a mere

two seconds left to hand the Raiders a 86-83 loss, while TCU collected their first win of the season.

Junior Nod Carter led the Blue Raiders with 21 points against TCU (including the game-tying 3pointer), while Roni Bailey had 16. Aylton Tesch added 15 points and 13 rebounds, and Tim Gaither contributed 10 points, nine

rebounds, six assists and two steals.

"Besides the disappointment of losing I do think our kids understand what it takes to win," Blue Raider head coach David Farrar told The Daily News Journal.

action tonight, when they host the Bulldogs from Northeast Missouri. The Bulldogs, and first year coach Jack Schrader hail from the Mid-American Intercollegiate Conference in the NCAA's Division II.

This will be the first meeting between Middle Tennessee and the Bulldogs, who finished last year with an overall record of 17-10, while their

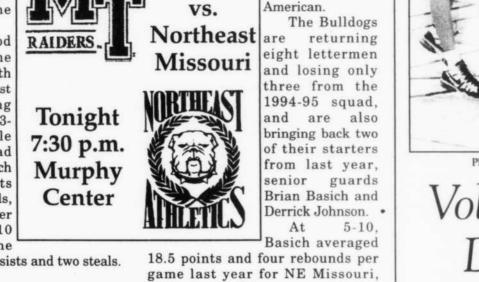
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conference record was 12-4, good enough for third place in the Mid-American.

while the 6-0 Johnson averaged 11.5 points and 4.2 rebounds.

Tip-off for the Northeast Missouri game is scheduled for 7:30 tonight at Murphy Center, and admission is



The 2-1 Raiders will return to free to students with a valid ID. Sidelines sportswriter looks to the future

Editorial by Sean P. O'Toole/staff

Well, after about four months of tedious partying and occasional studying (did I get those backwards?), the MTSU fall semester has come to an end. So, the ol' leprechaun thought he would give you some food for thought as you throw down Turkey and Eggnog on Christmas day, along with a few topics that may sneak up on you next

Look for the Nashville Smokies (or the Houston Oilers, whichever makes you less sick to your stomach) deal to either start picking up, or die. And look for NHL talks to start burning the pages of everything, depending on whether or not the Florida Panthers, the team that may be talking about a move here, gets a new arena so they can actually make some money.

And expect the struggle for the Cleveland Browns to get uglier than Quasimoto's mother. Art Modell will kick and scream, and maybe even pull a Claude Rains and go nuts, but somehow and someway, the Cleveland Browns will not be heading to Baltimore. The closest Baltimore will get to football is when they bid adieu to the CFL champion, the Baltimore Stallions. Don't make me laugh.

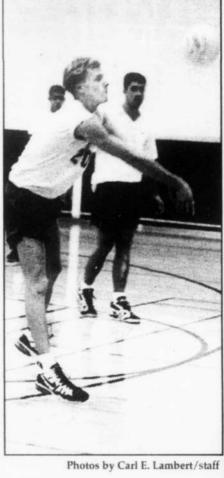
But the topic next semester will be the MTSU basketball teams. The girls team is looking better than ever, and could shock quite a few people on

its way to possibly racking up a OVC title. Heather Prater hits 3-point shots in her sleep, and has no trouble doing it when she is awake, and Freshman sensation Jonelda Buck is extremely impressive.

But the men's team will be something else to watch. Tim Gaither is playing like Michael Jordan gave him some pointers, and David Washington could become the big man in the OVC. Look for the Blue Raiders to take it all in the OVC, and even to go to the NCAA tournament again. Unfortunately, they will probably end up at the #15 slot, much like they did a few years ago, and end up playing one of the UCLA's or Kentucky's.

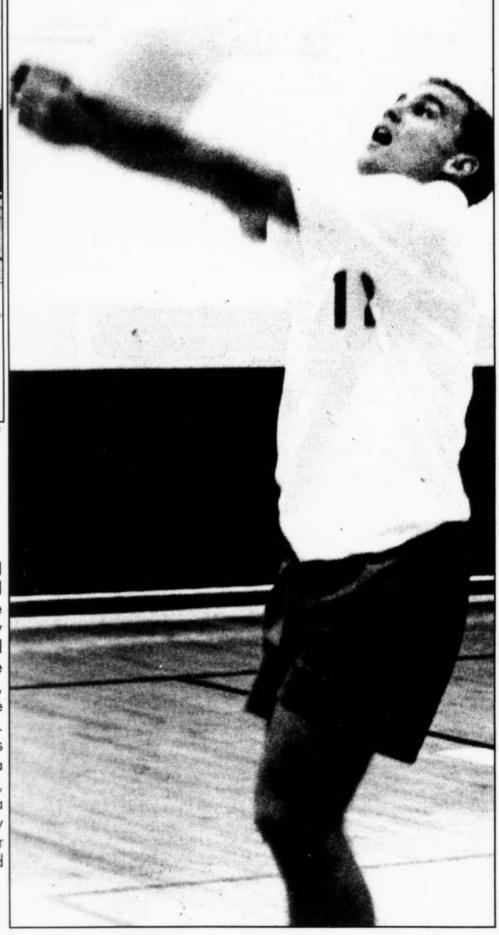
And the Super Bowl will once again kick butt. You think I'm lying? Well, let us look at this. Mariah Carey is singing the National Anthem, and Diana Ross is doing the halftime show. I never thought I would hear myself say this, but I want the Budweiser frogs back. Hey, even constant interruptions of BUD BOWL would be good. Anything but the melting pot between "One Sweet Day" and "Baby Love." Yes, the Super Bowl will once again kick butt. And for the ninth straight year, the AFC team will be the butt.

Well, that is all for this semester. Hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas. Best of luck to the graduating seniors. For now, to the other side of the rainbow I go.



Volleyball: Dig it!

The MTSU men's volleyball club hosted a four-school tournament Saturday at the Rec Center. The University of Tennessee defeated MTSU's team one in the finals of the tournament, which consisted of only one game, by a score of 15-11. At left, Eric "E" Wright comes up with a save during a tournament game. At right, an MTSU defender digs a shot. Plans are already underway for another tournament to be played next semester.



MTSU track coach to lead men's team at World Outdoor Championships

Staff Reports

MTSU track coach Dean Haves and Bev Kearney of Texas were chosen Thursday as coaches of the

> U.S. teams for the 1997 World Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

announcement was made at USA Track & Field's annual convention.

Hayes, coach of the 1988 U.S.

Olympic track & field jumpers, will coach the men's team and Kearney the women's team for the

championships at Athens, Greece.

and Field for the sixth time. Kearney led Florida to the NCAA indoor championship in 1992.

"That's where the Olympics were born," Hayes said of the Athens trip. "So that's always a thrill when you are picked to do something like this."

"In terms of the meet itself, it's probably bigger than the Olympics because it's only track," Hayes added. "That makes it pretty special."

Assisting Hayes will be Jay Silvester of Brigham Young, Doug Nordquist of LaHabra, Calif., Frank Gagliano of Georgetown and Tommie

Smith of Santa Monica City College. "Some of these people have been on trips with me before," Hayes said. "It's a good staff and hopefully we

will be able to get the job done.". Kearney's assistants will be J.J.

Hayes will be coaching for USA Track Clark of Florida, Gary Winckler of Illinois and Lynn Anderson of Minnesota.

Silvester was a four-time Olympic finalist in the discuss and won a silver medal in 1972. Nordquist placed fifth in the 1984 Olympic high jump and Smith won the gold in the 200 meters in 1972. Anderson threw the discus in the 1976 Olympics.

USATF also announced that Orin Richburg of Washington and Jim Barber of Southern Connecticut State will coach the U.S. teams at the 1997 World Indoor Championships at Paris. Richburg will coach the men,

Barber the women. Assistants for the indoor meet will be Ken Brauman of Seminole High in Sanford, Fla., for the men and Judy Harrison of Pasadena,

Texas, for the women.

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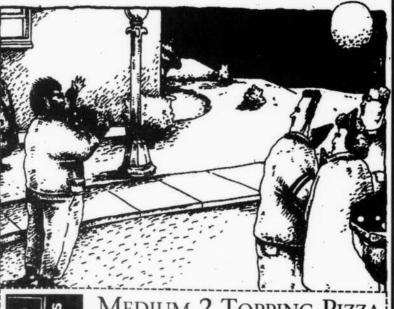
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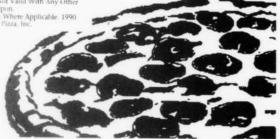
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Brown, Eley named OVC Players of the Week

Associated Press

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Marcus Brown of Murray State was named player of the week Sunday by the Ohio Valley Conference.

Brown, a senior, was last year's OVC player of the year. In three games last week, he scored 92 points as the Racers went 2-1.

Bud Eley of Southeast went 1-3. ●

Missouri was picked as newcomer of the week. The sophomore from Detroit scored 60 points and grabbed 40 rebounds over three games. He also blocked nine shots as the Indians started the season at 2-1.

Tennessee State's Jason Johnson scored 44 points and pulled 29 rebounds to land rookie of the week honors. Despite his efforts, the Tigers went 1-3

Gas station dispenses. game-day predictions

College Press Service

LINCOLN, Neb.—Fans heading to Memorial Stadium for a University of Nebraska football game can stop by Melichar's Phillips 66 for a tankful of gas, a pack of gum and a bottle of Coke.

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For 28 years, members of the Melichar family have been posting their predictions for the outcome of Nebraska games on a sign above the gas pumps. Not that the station's employees take any risks with their predictions—Melichar's has taken Nebraska as the winner every time, compiling a .821 winning percentage.

But it's the station's accuracy that gets people's attention. This year, the station, which is two blocks away from the stadium, predicted a 64-21 victory over Oklahoma State for the season opener. Final score of the Nebraska 64, game? Oklahoma State 21. "This may be just for fun but it's not just a guess we're making," says Bruce Melichar, the station's owner. "We try to look at the teams the Cornhuskers are playing and come to some sort of conclusion."

Melichar says the station gets close most of the time, usually within a field goal or touchdown. "Sometimes we just get lucky," he says. "But we're backing a good team here. You know they're going to score a lot of points quick and put the bench in for the second half. You have to take that into consideration."

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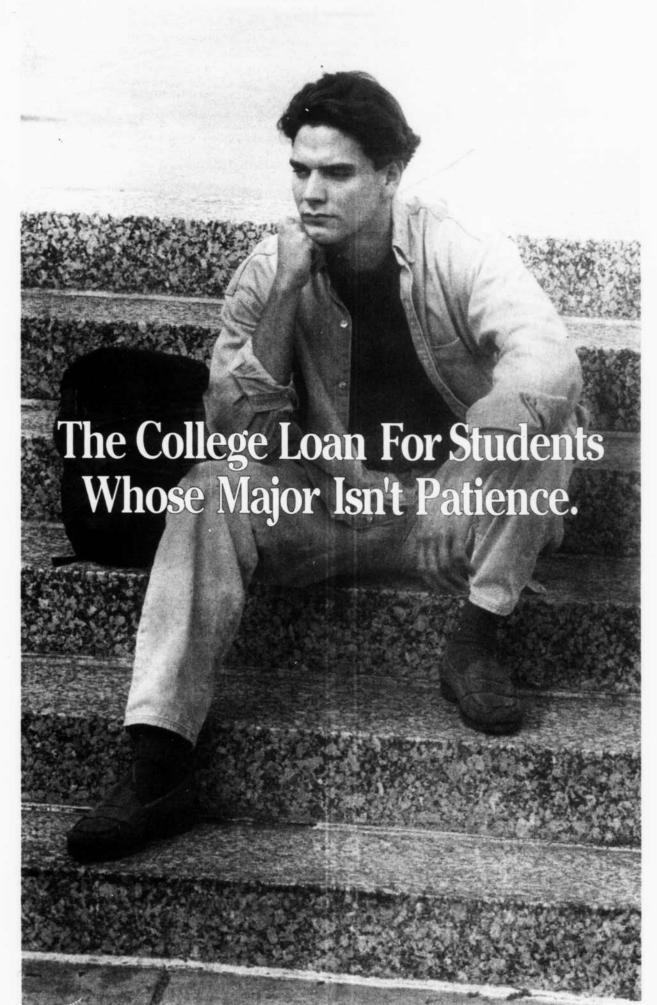
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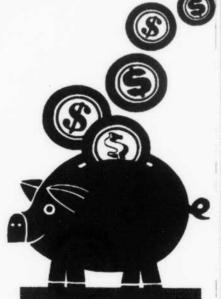


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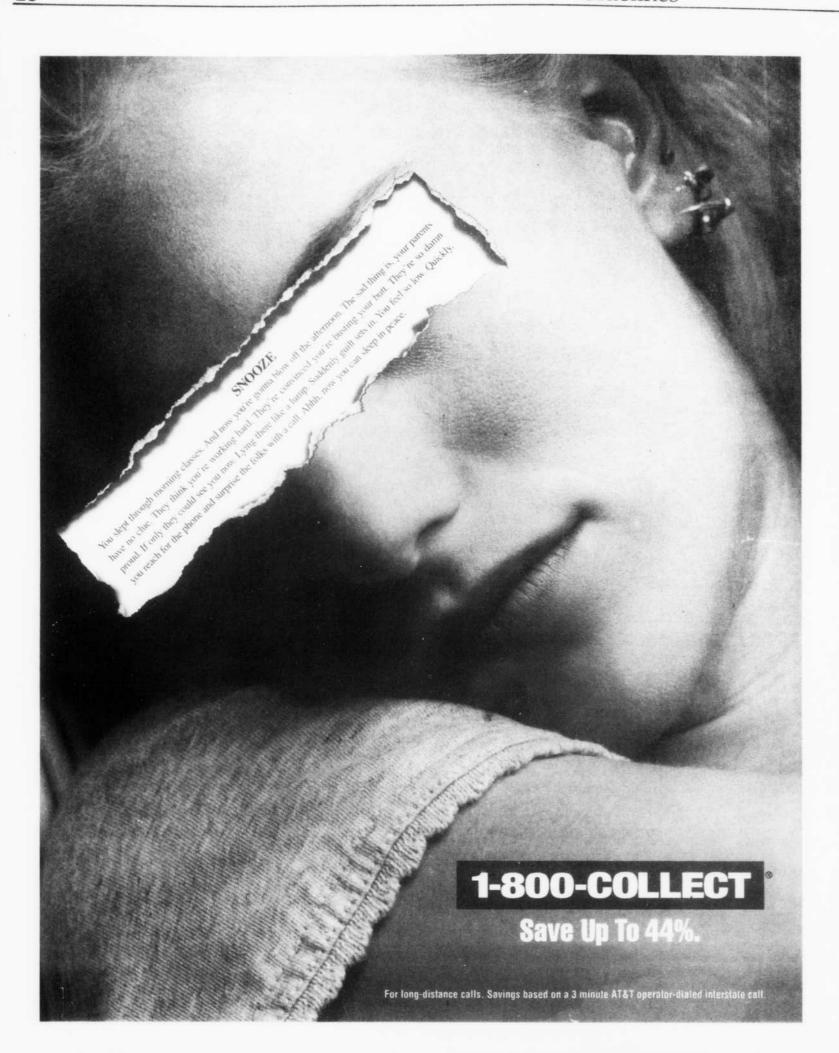
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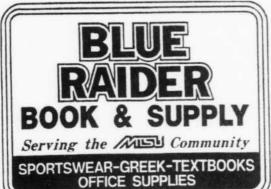
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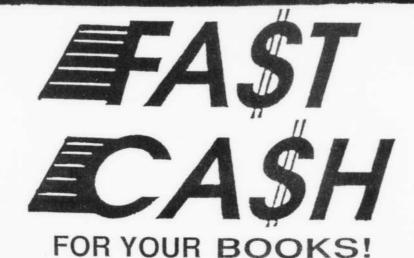
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